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Police checking on roads suspended

POLICE checking, particularly on roads, has been suspended, according to a senior Interior Ministry official.

The director-general of the general administration of the police and emergency communications, Brig. Abdul Hameed Al-Hajji, said the checks were suspended as these failed to achieve the expected results and caused traffic jams including inconvenience to citizens especially during the summer season.

Patrol

However, he stressed, that this did not imply that police patrols would not inspect cars and people. They are within their rights to stop and question any suspected car or person at any place.

The official commented that when a police patrol asks a car driver to stop, the driver should stay in his car. Policemen have been instructed to approach the car driver and not to ask him to walk out of the car to the police

Patrol vehicle

He added that policemen have no right to ask a person, who is not a suspect, where he is coming from or going to. His duties are limited to checking the car registration book and driving licence, noting any violations. But the police are within their rights to question a person near vital installations such as oil terminals etc.

Police are not entitled to ask any woman accompanying the driver as to their relationship, or if they are husband and wife. He can, however, ask to see her identity card. The police can ask questions if the couple are found in a compromising situation, if police receive complaints against the couple or if police suspect that the woman has been kidnapped or threatened.

Al Hajji pointed out that the police are losing patience with the recklessness of some drivers, especially youths who threaten lives of innocent pedestrians and other drivers including their own.

Every effort is being made to

arrest such drivers and stop races among them at night.

The official was critical of parents who did not impress upon their children the importance of strictly adhering to the traffic code-of-conduct.

The brigadier said that citizens could call the telephone number 199 for any emergency. He disclosed that response would be immediate. The caller should, however, be clear in his answers relating to his house address and telephone number and other information sought, that may help police in rendering him assistance.

Capable

He added, the emergency patrols also play an active role in controlling traffic in the same manner as traffic patrols and added that traffic work constitutes about 70 per cent of the total work of the emergency police patrols.

Emergency policemen possess the same authority as traffic policemen with regard to traffic

violations, he said and added that the ministry rewards policemen who excel in their duties or catch criminals during their normal duties.

Efforts are being made to provide each emergency patrol vehicle with a computer capable of giving the patrol car instant information on any suspected vehicle instead of having to contact the control room as at present. However, this would take some time to achieve, he said.

The official explained that the emergency police department was established in 1956 and was called the information department. In 1959 it was renamed and has a separate building situated at the 6th Ring Road.

The administration is equipped with the latest equipments and has ties with all government establishments and ministries. Staff of the administration aim at being at the site of a crime in the shortest possible time, keeping the crime level at a minimum and protecting people and their property.



Sheikh Saad and Bush (right) in jovial mood during their talks in Washington. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iran trying to disrupt haj using proxies

IRAN intends to use hired people from other countries to disrupt this month's annual Muslim pilgrimage in Makkah, a senior Saudi Arabian official has said.

Tehran has accused Riyadh of barring Iranian pilgrims. In June, Iran said it would boycott the haj and called on other Muslims to demonstrate in the holy places.

"Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini and his helpers intend to slip some hired elements of different nationalities among the pilgrims to carry out acts of sabotage," Al Sevah newspaper quoted Pilgrimage Affairs and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul-Wahhab Abdul-Wasiq as saying.

Nature

He said their plans included "noisy demonstrations, heretic chants and foolish practices carried out by (Iranian) Revolutionary Guards at last year's pilgrimage."

Saudi Arabia accused Iran of corrupting the religious nature of the haj last year by turning it into a political demonstration.

Iran said pilgrims had the right to demonstrate.

Sheikh Abdul-Wahhab

reiterated Saudi statements that Iranian pilgrims were welcomed as long as their numbers did not exceed the figure reached under a quota system introduced by Riyadh for this year's haj.

Saudi Arabia earlier this month warned pilgrims of severe punishment if they attempted to preach political ideas or import propaganda during the haj.

Riyadh's quota system allows countries to send one pilgrim for every 1,000 people, meaning Iran would be allowed to send up to 45,000 compared with the 150,000 it sent last year.

Saudi Arabia cut diplomatic links with Iran in April, making it difficult, if not impossible, for Iranians to obtain entry visas for the kingdom.

Officials in Saudi Arabia said pilgrims arriving without visas would be turned back at the borders.

The director of the Saudi passport department, Maj. Gen. Fahed Mohammed Al Shares, disclosed that till yesterday, 685,487 pilgrims had arrived in Saudi Arabia.

A total of 450,670 people arrived by air, 200,749 by land and 34,068 by sea.

No Egyptian riot police in Saudi Arabia: Prince Nayef

BAHRAIN, July 16. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia denied today that Egyptian para-military police had arrived to help prevent a repetition of last year's rioting during the Muslim pilgrimage this month.

The denial was made by Interior Minister Prince Nayef at a news conference in the Muslim holy city of Makkah reported by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

Gulf-based Arab diplomats told Reuters on Tuesday that 1,000 hand-picked men had arrived in the kingdom to help police the annual pilgrimage (haj). Egyptian Interior Minister Zaki Badri denied the report.

SPA quoted Prince Nayef as inviting correspondents to see for themselves that there were no Egyptian riot police in the kingdom.

"I am the interior minister and I have no knowledge of such forces. The Egyptian interior minister has no knowledge of such forces. How can (Reuters) confirm their presence?" he asked in reply to a question.

Prince Nayef said Saudi Arabia relied on its own security forces and population to defend its security and the security of pilgrims.

Haj on July 23

BAHRAIN, July 16. (Agencies): Saudi Arabia has ruled that the Muslim holy month of haj, or pilgrimage, began on July 15. Haj will be on July 23 and the Eid Al Adha feast will begin on July 24.

A statement issued by the Royal Court and carried by the Saudi Press Agency said the superior judicial council had determined that Friday was the first day of the month of Zulhaj. The Eid Al Adha feast falls on the 10th day of Zulhaj.

Floods kill 12

NEW DELHI, July 16. (AP): The long-awaited monsoon rains claimed 12 more lives today in floods throughout India, news agencies reported.

The child's father told doctors he had reported his son missing about noon on Thursday, when temperatures soared in the heat wave gripping much of the country.

The father, Dale Krog, said he found his son six hours later when he opened the chest freezer to get meat for dinner.

Joseph Krog, of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, died yesterday afternoon. Dr. Stephen Evans, emergency room director at St. Joseph Hospital said.

He was brought to St. Joseph on Thursday with a temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit (21 Centigrade). Frost had formed on his body and he had no pulse, Evans said.

NICOSIA, July 16. (AP): Nine bodies were recovered in the past two days. Tefran Radio reported.

The recoveries brought to 179 the number of bodies pulled from the Gulf, it said.

The radio report today said the bodies will be taken to the southern Iranian port of Bandar Abbas to attempt identification.

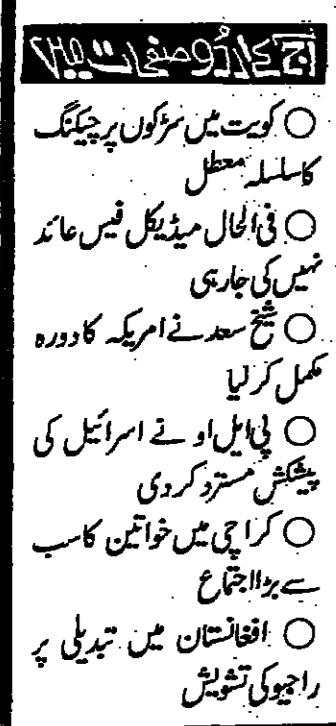
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Grand Bingo

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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light to moderate north-westerly wind. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 3.00 am, 1.00 pm. Low water: 8.00 am, 8.30 pm. Sunrise: 4.39 am. Sunset: 6.49 pm. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 46°C 115°F. Ahmadi: 40°C 104°F. Fatah: 32°C 90°F. Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 36°C 97°F. Ahmadi: 32°C 90°F. Fatah: 32°C 90°F. Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 46°C 115°F. Ahmadi: 40°C 104°F. Fatah: 40°C 104°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 15 percent. Ahmadi: 60 percent. Fatah: 60 percent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 15 percent. Ahmadi: 50 percent. Fatah: 50 percent.

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Though one in three gave her man a "10" for his sexual prowess in bed, only 12 percent rate their mates a "10" romantically and 38 percent reported they were very satisfied with the emotional intimacy in their marriages. People often assume that women who have affairs — or consider them — are looking for sex, but our survey strongly suggest that women are longing for romance instead," Levine said.

The Pentagon has said the captain of the Vincennes believed the

Security Council "doesn't have a sponsor" to push its position, the delegate said.

Asked later by reporters to assess his nation's demand for condemnation of the United States, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said: "We'll wait and see."

Washington, which has offered compensation to the victims, has automatic veto power over any council resolution.

Asked if the downing of the Iranian Airbus by the US cruiser Vincennes on July 3 was premeditated, Velayati said: "The evidence shows that."

Climbing

A transcript of radio calls released by Iran indicates the Airbus was climbing from 12,000 to 14,000 feet when it was shot down.

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In the council, a range of delegations praised the Iranians for taking their case to the United Nations — their first such initiative in three decades — and called for renewed international efforts to end the eight-year-old war.

Several delegates said the need now is to press for implementation of the unanimous council demand for a ceasefire adopted here a year ago on Wednesday.

So far, Iran has not accepted the UN ceasefire call.

West Germany said Iran's call for a Security Council session on the Airbus incident offered a renewed opportunity for the world body to help end the war.

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There had been many instances of "interference" by foreign warships in the Gulf with civilian airliners, said Al Shaali, who reported he lost relatives in the disaster.

He did not list the previous instances of naval "interference" but said US authorities had been notified.

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Premier in last minute talks with Bush

WASHINGTON, July 16. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday held talks with two top Reagan administration officials on relations between the two countries.

Bush invited the Crown Prince to his residence in Washington. The unscheduled meeting lasted for an hour.

Later yesterday, the White House National Security Adviser, Collin Powell, visited Sheikh Saad at his hotel and also held talks for more than an hour.

Private

Earlier in the day Sheikh Saad met Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, Richard Murphy.

Sheikh Saad will end his six-day visit to Washington today, and leaves for Europe for a private visit before returning to Kuwait.

During his visit, Sheikh Saad held talks with President Reagan and other high ranking US officials. He also met the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees.

He also addressed American newsmen at the National Press Club of Washington.

Sheikh Saad's talks in Washington mostly dealt with Kuwait's proposed purchase of 40 F-18 fighters, and Maverick and other missiles from the US.

The Senate, by voice vote earlier this week, barred the sale of Maverick surface-to-air missiles to Kuwait as part of the \$1.9 billion arms package.

Agreed

US and Kuwaiti officials have agreed the sale must be considered a package, and if the Maverick portion is not approved, the F-18 deal would probably be cancelled by Kuwait in favour of aircraft from another country.

Sheikh Saad said he had asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reconsider the bar to the sale.

Reagan, after meeting with the Crown Prince on Tuesday, vowed to push the sale forward, saying Kuwait is essential to US policy in the volatile region.

The Israeli government, backed up by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobbying group, opposes the sale of Mavericks to Kuwait.

US and Kuwaiti officials said they are exploring ways of getting around the Congressional ban, in the event the Senate does not reconsider.

Death in a freezer

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 16. (Agencies): An eight-year-old boy trapped in a freezer where he had gone for ice cream died yesterday after being revived for a time by doctors, a hospital spokesman said.

The child's father told doctors he had reported his son missing about noon on Thursday, when temperatures

INTERNATIONAL

Warsaw Pact leaders concerned on arms race

Call to stop military spending

WARSAW, July 16, (AP): Leaders of the seven-nation Warsaw Pact expressed support today for an East-West moratorium on increases in military spending and called for new talks before the end of the year on reducing conventional arms.

The communist allies also signed a separate statement at the end of a two-day conference, expressing concern about the effects of the arms race on the environment.

The state-run news agency PAP said the documents contained "important new ideas (that) serve to consolidate positive European and world tendencies in questions of disarmament and making them irreversible."

Deputy Foreign Minister Henryk Jaroszek was quoted by PAP as saying the statement on reducing conventional arms and troops has "great significance."

New talks

"The countries of the Warsaw Pact spoke for starting new disarmament negotiations during 1988," he said.

Discussing the need for conventional force reductions in Europe, Jaroszek said at a separate news briefing that the huge stockpiles of weapons and

massive troop developments on both sides "make it difficult for further improvement in the international climate."

They also hurt social and economic development of all states and complicate "the development of broad Pan-European cooperation," he said.

The summit's final communiqué said the Warsaw Pact countries support negotiations with members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation "on freezing and reducing military expenditures and on announcing, on principles of reciprocity, a moratorium on increasing (military spending) for one to two years."

Offensive

The summit talks were more open than in past Warsaw Pact meetings, said Jerzy Nowak, another foreign ministry official. "The style is definitely different in the sense of rejecting some ceremonial approaches and the repeating of long empty formulas which were used very often in these bodies before," he said.

Speaking at a dinner attended by the leaders last night, conference host Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski of Poland said a "peace offensive" was under way in the socialist countries.

Pact members have recently put forward "a number of valuable, original initiatives" in arms control, he said. "Their active character and importance were underlined today at this meeting."

Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu, in a dinner toast published by PAP, called for new talks on banning battlefield nuclear weapons from Europe.

Ceausescu called for new East-West talks on the subject of tactical nuclear weapons that remain outside the scope of the new US-Soviet treaty to scrap intermediate-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

The US-Soviet INF Treaty was a step toward disarmament but "the dangerous course of events has not yet been radically changed toward detente, cooperation and peace," the Romanian leader said.

New thinking

He proposed that "talks on complete removal of any short-range nuclear weapons from the European continent should be started as soon as possible," along with planned talks this fall on reducing conventional forces.

Jaruzelski, whose toast was distributed to reporters, also pointed to proposals made by Gorbachev in a speech Monday by

to the Polish Parliament as an example of "new, long-range thinking."

Gorbachev urged a renewed effort to break deadlock with NATO over reducing conventional forces in Europe, suggesting a Pan-European conference and a withdrawal of some Warsaw Pact air forces in exchanges for the West's giving up plans to deploy 72 F-16 fighter-bombers in Italy.

The proposals already had been rejected by the United States.

"Europe can and should shed its armament shackles" that limit economic, scientific and cultural development between East and West, Jaruzelski told his colleagues. But at the same time, he tied Poland's future to the Soviet Union, saying his country's alliance with Moscow forms "the basis of secure, peaceful existence and successful development of Poland."

Other leaders taking part in the summit at the stately council of ministers palace, where the treaty of Warsaw setting up the alliance was signed in 1955, were Erich Honecker of East Germany, Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria, Karoly Grosz of Hungary and Milos Jakes of Czechoslovakia.



President Reagan (left) confers with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at the White House. (Reuter wirephoto)

NATO officers drown in rescue attempt

ROME, July 16, (AP): Two military officers, one a Dane, the other British, drowned while attempting to rescue several children who were caught in rough surf off a beach south of Rome, authorities reported today.

A spokesman for the NATO defence college in Rome, where the two victims were enrolled in a course, identified the officers as Brig. Gen. Russell Maynard from southern England and Lieut. Col. Niels Erik Thor of the Danish Army.

Home towns and ages for both men were not immediately available said the spokesman, adding that the officers were about 48 years old.

The two officers and several colleagues and their families were having a barbecue on a beach at Fregene, a town about 20 kilometres from Rome when the children encountered difficulties with the water, said the spokesman on condition of anonymity.

Among the youngsters was a child of Maynard, the spokesman said.

Italian lifeguards and members of the beach party pulled the children safely to shore. The two victims also were pulled out of the water and given quick attention by a doctor, the spokesman said, but it was too late.

Funeral arrangements were pending, the spokesman said.

The six-month-long course at the defense college runs through the end of July, he said.

Students stone Israeli soldiers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (Agencies): Students erected roadblocks and stoned soldiers, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets during scattered anti-Israeli unrest today in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian sources said.

In Nablus, three Palestinians were shot and wounded during clashes with soldiers, the sources said.

They said the clashes erupted after soldiers, out of uniform and driving cars with local licence plates, entered the town's main square and fired shots in the air.

The Army was investigating the report, an Army spokesman said.

In the old city of Nablus, troops opened fire on the protesters, wounding three, a local Arab reporter said.

Officials at Nablus' St. Luke Hospital identified the wounded as Mohammed Abdallah, 21, who suffered a wound in his abdomen, and Mohammed Hamid, 19, who was wounded in his left leg.

Wound

Doctors at Al Ittihad Hospital said they treated 21-year-old Mahmoud Al Kasar for a bullet wound in his right leg.

The Army command said an Israeli patrol saw four masked Arabs who raised Palestinian flags and threw stones. It said the soldiers were forced to respond with fire, wounding three.

Demonstrations occurred in 15 UN-run refugee camps and villages surrounding Ramallah.

Reagan seeks UN budget reforms

WASHINGTON, July 16, (Agencies): President Reagan told United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday that the United States would withhold membership dues until the world body undertook further budget reforms, the White House said.

Reagan took the hardline stand on US financial support during a meeting and working luncheon with Perez de Cuellar.

In a written statement issued later, spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said: "The President said that the US recognises its obligations to the UN, but that further progress on reform was necessary to meet the concerns of Congress."

The United States is more than \$500 million in arrears in its UN membership dues, stemming from an administration decision three years ago to withhold obligated funds in order to force changes in UN management practices.

Reforms

Although the administration sought to make a \$44-million emergency payment last year, Congress held up the move pending further reforms and Reagan supported its action in the meeting with the UN chief, White House officials said.

Perez de Cuellar said last month that the regular-budget arrears, including funds owed by the United States, mean "the

organisation will be completely out of money, with all reserves exhausted, by the end of October or early November ... unable to meet its commitments to member states and to staff."

Last month, Perez de Cuellar warned that UN will exhaust its funds by late October or early November.

As the richest UN member, the United States is assessed about one-quarter of the annual UN general budget, although the United States does not always agree to pay its full assessment.

The general budget is more than \$800 million.

Counts

The United States has called for a proportional system of voting on budget matters so that voting power would be in line with financial support by UN member nations.

In the one-nation, one-vote 159-nation General Assembly, the United States' vote counts as much as that of countries that pay much less.

US officials also had objected to the assignment of Soviet civil servants to the United Nations on a short-term basis, arguing that such a system undermined the goal of an independent UN civil service.

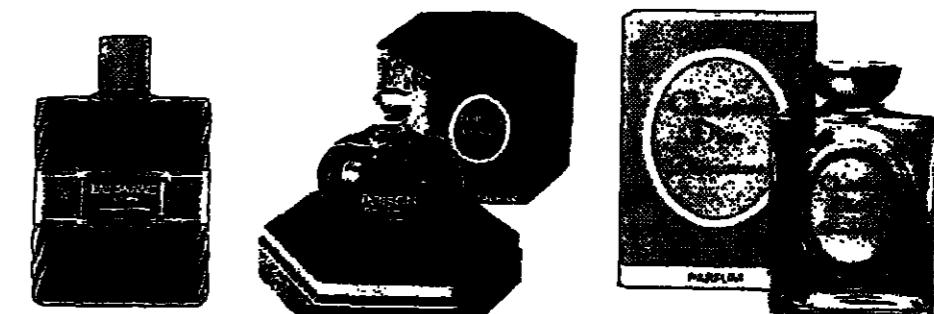
In May, the Soviet Union announced that more of its civil servants would be allowed to work under permanent contracts in the UN civil service.

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Nearly 40 per cent said they experienced sexual harassment at work and 14 per cent said they had been raped. Almost four out of five women said they had been raped by someone they knew and another 32 per cent said they had been in situations where they feared they were going to be raped.

Virtually all the women thought the criminal justice system is too soft on sexual offenders. Nearly half of the women surveyed in the 18 to 34 age group said they lost their virginity in their teens, compared with 17 per cent of women over 55. Despite women's attitudes about their own affairs, more than half think sex is overrated, and one third said they worry that something they or their partners did in the past puts them at risk of AIDS.

Most of these women believed AIDS testing should be mandatory.

The women displayed a double standard when it comes to politicians. More than two-thirds of the women who answered the survey said they would not vote for a politician if they knew he or she engaged in extramarital sex.

Molested

Another result of the survey of women with a median age of 40 found that one in four women had been sexually molested as a child.

The survey also found that 80 per cent believed that girls who kill or arrange for the killing of abusive fathers should be acquitted or given only probation or short jail sentences if convicted.

Arms flow to Afghan rebels trickles down

WASHINGTON, July 16, (KUNA): Pakistan has halted the flow of almost all arms provided by the United States for the Afghan resistance, according to the Washington Post today.

Administration sources, according to the paper, cited "significant reductions" in arms crossing the border from Pakistan into Afghanistan since mid-June and said little more than small arms and ammunition still reaches the resistance.

The supply of US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and such heavy arms as mortars, has virtually stopped, they said.

The Pakistani decision came after Soviet officials complained bitterly about Pakistani and US violations of the accords.

INTERNATIONAL

Rajiv fears militants may rule Afghanistan

MADRID, July 16. (Reuter): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said today his country's major concern over Afghanistan was that a fundamentalist Islamic government might come to power.

"Our major worry in Afghanistan is an attempt to put in a fundamentalist government," Rajiv told a news conference during a three-day visit to Spain.

"We have no objections to a strong religious attitude but we would like to keep religion out of politics especially in our region, we feel that otherwise it can have repercussions for all countries in the region."

Under a UN-mediated accord, Soviet troops began withdrawing from Afghanistan in May after eight years backing the communist government's war against Muslim rebels.

The form which the Afghan government will take after the Soviet troops are gone has not been agreed, with rebels of more or less fundamentalist leanings divided among themselves.

Rajiv said India had one of the largest Muslim populations in the world, adding: "If a fundamentalist government would have a very negative effect on us and other countries around us."

Optimism

But he added: "We're confident that there is no danger of such a government coming in, at least in the near future."

"The strength of the fundamentalists has been highly over-rated in certain sections of the media," Rajiv said.

"This has ... been confirmed by the fact they have had to put up a government-in-exile rather than what they planned, which was to capture one of the towns, and then put up a government in one of the captured towns," Rajiv said.



Rajiv and his host Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez laugh as they settle down to hold their first bilateral meeting. (Reuter wirephoto)

US firm accused of delaying tactics

Union Carbide chief missing

BHOPAL, July 16. (Reuter): The ex-chairman of Union Carbide, facing prosecution over the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster, is untraceable and cannot be summoned to court, an Indian government prosecutor said today.

Prosecutor U.S. Prasad told a Bhopal court that Interpol had failed to find Warren Anderson, chairman of the US-based multinational at the time of the world's worst industrial accident, and that his present address was not readily available.

He accused Union Carbide of deliberately suppressing the address and of using delaying tactics.

Bhopal chief magistrate Kanhaiyalal Sisodia ordered the Union Carbide accountant who stood bail for Anderson to produce him at the next hearing of the case on Sept 24.

Anderson is one of nine people

facing criminal charges of causing deaths and injuries through negligence. He and others, all Indians, could in theory face the death penalty if convicted.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed and more than 200,000 injured when poisonous gas leaked out of Union Carbide's Bhopal pesticides plant on Dec 3, 1984.

Anderson was arrested in Bhopal four days after the disaster and was freed on bail of 25,000 rupees (\$1,800).

The Union Carbide Corporation and its Hong Kong subsidiary are also facing criminal charges. But the two companies and Anderson, who has since retired from his post, were unrepresented in court.

Union Carbide is also facing a separate compensation suit in which the Indian government has demanded \$3.3 billion on behalf of the victims.

The compensation case is a continuing focus of attention in this central Indian city of nearly one million people and angry demonstrations are held outside the court whenever hearings take place.

But today's criminal case went almost unnoticed, with only lawyers and journalists attending the hearing.

The court granted Prasad's plea that fresh summonses to the corporation and its Hong Kong subsidiary, be served through their respective chairmen.

Prasad told reporters outside the court that the magistrate's court proceedings would end as soon as Anderson made his appearance. The case would then go to a sessions court for a full-fledged trial.

"Our responsibility at the moment is only to prove a prima facie case which is well established," Prasad said.

4 die as police battle Filipino communists

CAGAYAN DE ORO, July 16. (UPI): Three guerrillas and a policeman are dead after a fierce battle between communist rebels and police defending a besieged town hall in southern Mindanao island, a military spokesman said today.

Army division commander Col. Rogelio Villanueva said about 100 New People's Army insurgents yesterday surrounded the town hall of Lianga, Surigao Del Sur, some 860 km south of the Capital.

He said 18 policemen guarding the town hall were forewarned of the attack and barricaded the area with sand bags.

The rebels, speaking through a megaphone, ordered the lawmen to surrender but "instead of laying down their arms, the policemen simultaneously opened fire, killing three of the rebels on the spot," Villanueva said. A policeman was also killed, he added.

In the hour-long battle that ensued, rebels pounded the town hall with grenades and police were forced to radio a nearby village for military reinforcement and troops.

The statement said the US team "declared that the released rehabilitation centre detainees coming to the United States would be subject to all US laws, including those affecting the activities of US residents

in Asia."

The rebels fled on several commandeered vehicles carrying their wounded companions.

The area has been the scene of continuing battles between government and rebel forces that have claimed the lives of at least 25 guerrillas and wounded about 50 others.

Security forces have succeeded in capturing two rebel camps in the area.

Protest

Meanwhile, about 2,000 anti-communist demonstrators surrounded the convent of a Roman Catholic bishop yesterday to protest a church reshuffling they fear will bring radical priests into the diocese.

Carrying placards saying, "we need preachers of God, not radical clergy," and "Clean the church of radical priests and nuns," the protesters denounced Bacolod Bishop Antonio Fortich for having orchestrated the reassignment of priests.

The popular Fortich, who served as an observer last year in failed peace talks to end a 19-year insurgency, was among the signatories of a pastoral letter issued by Philippine bishops urging an end to political violence in Asia's only Christian nation.

Liquor party

KARACHI, July 16. (Reuter): Pakistani police said they arrested 20 people, including three doctors, on Friday for holding a party in a hospital conference hall and drinking alcohol, banned under Islamic law.

Police recovered seven empty liquor bottles from the room in Abbasi Hospital in the western suburbs of Karachi.

Floods kill four in west Japan

TOKYO, July 16. (AP): At least four people were killed and 11 others missing in western Japan as rain-swollen waters flooded homes and highways and disrupted local train service, police said today.

The bodies of three family members were recovered after flood waters washed their car off road near Toba, Mie prefecture, about 330 kilometres southwest of Tokyo along the Pacific coast, regional police said.

Japan's meteorological agency said in a statement that 84 millimetres (3.4 inches) of rain fell in a one-hour period yesterday in Tottori prefecture, located 500 kilometres southwest of Tokyo on the Japan sea side. The downpour set off minor land slides and cut off communication lines.

A heavy-rain warning for most of western Japan has been in effect since Thursday. Flood warnings were also issued for the Tottori region, where 200 millimetres (8 inches) of rainfall was recorded by yesterday noon.

Meanwhile, widespread flooding caused by torrential monsoon rains in western India has claimed several lives and forced the evacuation of 25,000 people, it was reported.



A river floods houses in Hidaka, Japan, as torrential rains lashed western Japan, causing the death of several people. (Reuter wirephoto)

Power shifting to native Taiwanese

TAIPEI, July 16. (AP): The ruling Nationalist Party emerged from its just concluded congress with a revamped leadership to gradually steer Taiwan further from an authoritarian and uncompromising past.

The 13th congress of the Nationalist Party, or Kuomintang, had been advertised as a landmark meeting to plot the 94-year-old party's future after the end of the Chiang Kai-Shek family dynasty.

Ever since the nationalist government behind Chiang Kai-Shek was driven from mainland China in 1949 by communist forces, the party has been consumed by an undying dream of one day returning to rule the world's most populous nation.

Although the congress defiantly vowed to keep that dream alive, it cautiously acknowledged the need to replace aging party elders with a more dynamic leadership aware of the need for democratic change at home and pragmatism in dealing with China.

The new party leadership unveiled at the congress clearly showed power is shifting to native Taiwanese, who constitute 85 per cent of this prosperous island's nearly 20 million

Soviet soldiers fear punishment at home

Deserters reject amnesty

NEW YORK, July 16. (AP): Six Soviets who served in the Red Army in Afghanistan declared yesterday they would refuse an offer to return to their homeland, saying they feared retribution from Soviet authorities.

But a man who jumped to his feet during their news conference and identified himself as a Soviet diplomat said the men would face no harm if they returned.

"Don't be shy. If you wish to be in contact, call the Soviet Embassy in Washington," he called out to the former soldiers. "Nobody will drag you out of the United States."

As other audience members jeered at him, he then strode to the front of the room to put printed leaflets on the table in front of the men.

He identified himself as Dmitry Titov of the Soviet mission to the United Nations. The leaflets bore a Soviet statement of July 4 that announced an offer of amnesty to soldiers who turned against their country during its intervention in Afghanistan.

The news conference was sponsored by Freedom House, a New York-based human rights group. The six were brought to the news conference by Freedom House, which had sought their release.

R. Bruce McColm, executive director of the organisation, said he called the meeting to urge the establishment of an international commission, not linked to the Soviet Union, to address the issue of Soviet and Afghan prisoners of war.

He said a commission could ensure the estimated 200-300 Soviet POWs remaining in the hands of anti-communist mujahedeen fighters have a choice whether to return home or defect. Freedom House estimates that many are deserters and some actually are fighting for the insurgents.

Friday's news conference, conducted in Russian and English through an interpreter, was punctuated by outbursts in both languages.

Taras Derevlyany, 20, a

private who left his Army post on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway three weeks after arriving in Afghanistan in May 1985, looked in the direction of Titov and said, "I don't need your amnesty. America is a free country."

He paused and added, "I gave up my Soviet citizenship."

Mistake

Derevlyany and the others said they felt the Soviet intervention was a tragic mistake and told how they were sickened by what they called the Soviet slaughter of civilians, including children, in bombing runs and ground attacks.

"I don't want to go back to the Soviet Union. What will people think of me? He's a deserter, a traitor," he said.

Vladimir Romchuk, 22, a Soviet Army deserter in 1985 who was held by Afghan rebels until his release to the West last April, also looked in the direction of the official and said, "Yes, I am a deserter in your eyes. But I am happy person here."

The man identifying himself as a Soviet official afterward called the news conference, a politically orchestrated event, that apparently had only "a few cases" in mind and not the welfare of all POWs in Afghanistan.

Of the six, he said: "Some of them, I believe, have been brainwashed."

Soviet prosecutor general Alexander Sukharev, in his announcement July 4, said the Soviet Union had identified 312 soldiers who had been taken prisoner in the war and had established that about a third of them had died, many in the act of

trapping to escape.

McColm said he did not want

tragedy to occur by the possible return of Soviet prisoners of war to their homeland against their wishes. He said they should be given "freedom of choice."

Between 1945 and 1947 the United States and Britain returned thousands of Soviet prisoners, many against their will who were reported either to have been executed or imprisoned.

Shultz gets Chinese and Soviet assurances

'Seoul Olympics will be safe'

SEOUL, July 16. (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz expressed confidence today the Seoul Olympics would be safe and successful, saying China and the Soviet Union had given assurances that North Korea would refrain from terrorist acts.

"The Soviets have told us flatly that in their view the North Koreans will not mount any effort to disturb the Olympics," Shultz told reporters aboard his plane before arriving in Seoul today for talks with government officials.

He said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, on a recent visit to Washington, told Shultz and President Reagan

"something like, we know the North Koreans well and I can assure you there will be no — underline no — terrorist acts aimed at the Olympics."

"It was unequivocal, unambiguous," Shultz said of Shevardnadze's statement.

US firm to expand Egypt's air defence

FULLERTON, California, July 16. (UPI): Egypt has awarded a \$159-million contract to Hughes Aircraft Co. to expand its air defence system, the aerospace firm announced yesterday.

Hughes' unit of GM Hughes Electronics, will integrate additional command and control sites into the air defence system and provide software, aircraft control displays, large screen displays, computers, and other electronic equipment.

The network will enable Egypt to detect and monitor unidentified aircraft approaching its borders and initiate its defences.

Egypt's new E2C early warning aircraft will also become part of the network to detect low-level aircraft at long range, Hughes said.

Late last year, Hughes delivered and began on-site testing of the initial portion of the air defence system under a \$210 million contract awarded in 1983.

Meanwhile Egypt and the Sudan Thursday signed a military co-operation protocol providing for more Egyptian assistance to its ally in the south.

The protocol was signed by

Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala and his Sudanese counterpart Abdul-Majid Khalil.

Following the signing ceremony, Khalil said the agreement, described as a protocol of technical co-operation in the military field — would enhance the capabilities and expertise of the Sudanese armed forces by making use of Egypt's expertise in the field.

The protocol, which in effect formalises an already existing military co-operation between the two countries, provides for "more assistance" to the Sudan, Khalil said without elaboration.

But during a subsequent series of confrontations, hundreds of demonstrators destroyed shops belonging to the owner of the bakery, attacked homes of his relatives and clashed with police.

Pretoria bans festival

CAPE TOWN, July 16. (Reuter): Police today banned a sports festival in honour of Nelson Mandela and set up roadblocks around Pollsmoor Prison where the black South African nationalist leader marks his 70th birthday on Monday.

All major birthday gatherings

have been banned under two-year-old state of emergency laws and five runners taking part in a "freedom run" said they were briefly detained today.

Two roadblocks, manned by dozens of police armed with shotguns, sealed off the main

road running past Pollsmoor Prison, in the wooded white Cape Town suburb of Tokai. Motorists were told the road was closed and they were not allowed through without a good reason. A police spokesman said the roadblocks would remain in place until after Mandela's birthday.

Anti-apartheid church leader Allan Boesak said police had sealed off a stadium in Cape Town's Guguletu black township where the festival was to be staged and ordered spectators to leave.

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Medical charges may not be imposed

THE Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzaq has said he would exert his efforts to ensure that no medical charges are imposed during his tenure in office.

However, while emphasising the right of every citizen to medication, the minister said that no country could provide free medical services indefinitely and time would come when patients would have to pay a nominal charge.

Denied

The minister also denied any knowledge of there being a move towards privatisation of the medical services. He reaffirmed that the ministry was constantly seeking to develop its public services at clinics and other medical centres, as well as to rectify the problem of the shortage in qualified personnel. He said that Kuwaitis represented only 20 to 30 per cent of nursing staff and were in general reluctant to join the profession.

He pointed out that two new clinics would be in operation soon, one in Sabahia and the other in Riqqa, and that new measures would be put into force in existing clinics to reduce waiting time.

He said that the ministry is currently considering new measures to protect patients from exploitation by doctors and that the General Medical Council was originally set up to safeguard the medical profession and to evaluate the proficiency of doctors.

Priority

A further point concerned the Kuwait Pharmaceutical Company, which he said had agreed to provide the ministry with medical supplies as its first priority. He also said that a study was underway to fix prices for locally produced medications.

The minister also reported on the successful elimination of



Dr Abdul Razzaq

large numbers of small insects by means of insecticides.

Meanwhile, the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health for technical affairs Dr Tareq Al Abdul Jader revealed that the ministry is conducting a study to create two new posts of assistant undersecretaries.

Intends

He disclosed that the ministry intends to establish special staff to follow up the health areas headed by an assistant undersecretary. It will also establish a new staff to be headed by an assistant undersecretary for central administration affairs. The two new staffs will work to develop the health services in the country he added.

Al Abdul Jader said that the ministry would introduce shifts among directors of health areas including physicians working in the health centres and hospitals.

Headed that the ministry will open Sabahia and Ardhiya health centres shortly. Further, he said, two new centres have been prepared and they will be commissioned after completing their medical requirements and nursing cadres.

Pearl diving contest

THE director of the Sea Clubs Department and head of the higher committee for the fifth marine week celebrations Abdul Hadi Yaqoub announced that all the six members of the GCC will participate in the second pearl diving contest on Aug 8.

The pearl diving trip will go to diving locations at Al Zour and Kheiran and is scheduled for five days and will end on Aug 18. A big reception is planned for the divers at Al Beda Sea Club beach.

Help

Al Yaqoub pointed out that the first pearl diving contest was held on a local level in 1984 and 25 divers took part. The first contest for the GCC states was held in 1985 at which two GCC states took part — namely Qatar and Bahrain.

He added that a pearl diving school was opened in 1987 on the occasion of the fourth marine week in Kuwait. Thirty students graduated from the school during the last year session. Due to the large number of youths desiring to enrol, other branches for

the diving school will be opened he added.

In a related development a 25 year-old Kuwaiti youth Jamal Yamani working at the National Petroleum Co will for the first time in the history of Kuwait attempt to swim a 35 kilometres distance during the fifth marine week celebrations.

He said that the experience would facilitate his participating at international contests for long distance swimmers.

Dreams

Yamani said that he dreams of swimming the English channel and if was successful, it would encourage other Kuwaiti youths to participate at international contests.

He previously swam for 27 kilometres at Kuwait's last National Day which he achieved in 11 hours and 25 minutes.

Yamani trains for three hours a day, but, believes this to be too short, due to his working schedule. He trains at the swimming pool complex at the coastal front.

The diving school will be opened he added.

Municipality workers meet minister

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Sayed Al Rifai last week met a delegation from the union of the Municipality and Fire Department.

The head of the union said that discussions centred on allowances to be paid, including other demands of workers at the Municipality and Fire Department.

The delegation briefed the minister on the various problems faced by inspectors of the Municipality during their duties and asked for protection during their work against employers who sometimes attack the inspectors.

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brought up and the minister was informed that 76 firemen were deprived of this payment of appreciation.

Al Barrak disclosed that the minister had called for the setting up of a joint committee comprising members of the union and the administration to study amendments on the basic charter of the Social Security Fund of the municipality and Fire Department.

He added that the minister praised the union's proposal to set up a committee at the Municipality to ensure that donations and part time allowances were distributed in an even handed manner.

Concluding, Al Barrak said that Al Rifai had assured the workers union that a study would be conducted into their demands.

70 wild dogs killed

THE Animal Health Department of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs announced yesterday that it had killed over 70 wild dogs in the Wafta area during the period July 3 to July 12.

The department added that after repeated attacks by wild dogs on animal farms in Wafta area, the department in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior formed combat teams to eradicate this menace.

During last month and early this month, stray dogs in the area attacked many farms killing and seriously injuring 145 heads of cattle. However, the dogs only killed the sheep without so much as eating any meat.

Samples of the dogs killed were tested for rabies.

The presence of too many wild dogs was attributed to the farmers themselves who raised such dogs and then neglected them.



The summer educational season for young scientists at the Kuwait Science Club for Girls has begun with four courses dealing with police work, auto mechanics, astronomy and cinematography.

The courses will include lec-

tures, demonstrations and field visits, and will take students from theoretical work to actual practice.

A total of 70 club members of various ages will take the courses.

IDB donation for Sri Lankan Muslims

COLOMBO, July 16, (KUNA): The Saudi-Arabia based Islamic Development Bank has donated 6.5 million Sri Lankan rupees (\$200,000) worth of goods to an estimated 6,000 Muslim refugee families in the strife-torn northern and eastern provinces, officials said today.

Affected

An official from the Sri Lankan Ministry for Muslim and Cultural Affairs told KUNA, six affected Muslim districts in the Northern and Eastern Provinces received the help.

The refugees are part of the estimated 120,000 Muslims affected by the more than five

million Sri Lankan rupees (\$250,000) to help these Muslim refugees. The donation made of material is in addition to the funds promised by the Bank.

The official said, fishing nets, water pumps, sewing machines, and carpentry tools were some of the goods gifted by the Islamic Development Bank.

The estimated 120,000 Muslims were rendered destitute following the Tamil-Muslim clashes and the current battle between the Tamil Tiger guerrillas and the Indian peacekeeping forces. Muslim sources told KUNA.

try of Public Works, Mohammad Al Sani, stressed that the minister should have a free hand in selecting his assistants. However, objectivity should be the criteria in its application to Kuwait, he added.

He commented that the proposed period of four years for senior posts is too short to complete a constructive job. He added that changing top officials of a ministry on the appointment of a new minister could produce adverse results.

Elucidating, he said that the new minister should first ascertain if his aides were efficient to execute their duties prior to any changes.

Remaining

However, Al Sani said that this did not constitute his support of undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries remaining for long periods at their posts.

The Assistant Director General of the National Housing Authority Fareed Al Ajeeb pointed out that the new minister should be given a free hand in replacing his top aides. But, he said, that such vital decisions should be executed with the knowledge of the Council of Ministers.

On this extensively discussed and sensitive issue, most of the undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries including top administrators in the various ministries rejected the idea that their continuity in their posts should be the prerogative of the new minister.

Obstacle

They believed that such a step, if approved, would be an obstacle for the administrative reforms and constitute a major destabilising factor for senior ministry officials.

The majority were firm in their conviction that limiting the duration of their stay to a four-year period would prove inadequate for making plans and modernising the systems and departments.

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ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

A turning point in US-Kuwait ties

THOSE who lack experience or knowledge about Arabs do so no more, as the visit by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Sadiq Al Abdulla to the US gave a good impression of Kuwait and Arabs in general, a local daily stressed yesterday.

Daily "Al Rai Al Aam" editorial said that during his six-day working visit to Washington, Sheikh Sadiq was able to draw the American attention and that of the world to Arab causes through objective arguments and serious dialogue, "the shortest channels to the American mentality and the most effective on media and political circles."

His visit was full of life, something that is easily witnessed during his talks with senior US government and Congress officials in which Sheikh Sadiq re-emphasised the necessity of realising comprehensive and lasting peace for the 40-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict, the paper noted.

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Pay telephone bills, asks minister

THE Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan has urged telephone subscribers to settle their dues, failing which, the ministry would seek means to recover those outstandings.

The minister conceded that the ministry is finding it difficult to collect KD13 million of subscribers' unpaid bills for 1987.

However, through special arrangements, the ministry was successful in collecting an amount of KD14 million of the same year.

The official said that a study is currently underway to equate

fares of the overseas phone calls with those in foreign and Arab countries.

He added that another study is underway to provide chalets with telephone services and to determine the costs of such services.

Al Sharhan said that mistakes in bills was not solely the fault of the ministry, but, also that of the subscribers. He explained that some subscribers permitted friends and neighbours to use their phones and when bills were received forgot about the calls and claimed they were not made.

On mail distribution, he said that the auto-sorting process still faces some minor problems and that in general mail distribution did not have any significant problems.

Replies to a question on the maritime cable project linking Kuwait and Bahrain, the minister said that the project is held in abeyance due to the present special circumstances in the region.

Defence planning

KUWAIT'S Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad yesterday presided over a meeting of the higher committee for defence planning.

The minister urged more efforts and better performance by all the ministry's bodies.

The meeting, which was attended by undersecretary Faisal Al Dawood and other undersecretaries, was part of the ministry's administrative development programme.

Arab League envoy praises Kuwait press

WASHINGTON, July 16, (KUNA): The ambassador to the Arab League in Washington Cleo Maksoud, yesterday held a luncheon in honour of the editors of Kuwaiti newspapers, who are accompanying Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Sadiq Al Abdulla. It was attended by some of the Reagan administration's top information officers and American newsmen dealing with the Middle East.

The statement of the American vice-president before the Security Council on Thursday contained positive elements when he linked the general situation in the region with continuation of the (Iraq-Iran) war and stressed Iran's responsibility in this connection," the Iraqi news agency quoted Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz as saying last night.

He added that his country has more than once declared full readiness to engage in peace talks with Iran.

Considered

Maksoud, although currently a diplomat, was a prominent Arab editor, journalist, writer, and academic who currently is considered one of the best Arab spokesmen in the United States.

Attending the luncheon were such prominent American per-



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Mango delights

MANGO festivals at local hotels in Kuwait were an annual affair until 1984, when they suddenly stopped. This year, the festival was revived. Some 25 varieties of mangoes were displayed at the festival, opened by Mrs Zahid Saeed, wife of the Pakistani ambassador to Kuwait. Over 100 mango varieties were grown in Pakistan.

At the recent mango festival, some of the finest qualities like sindhi, chausa, lotta, mehri, desi, khare, sunehra duschi, surkh guab and others were used by the hotel chefs to create a variety of desserts.

The ripe mango is an important ingredient in many a pickle, sauce and garnish. The festival was held by the Shama International Trading Company in co-operation with the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, which is promoting the exotic fruit for a week at its coffee shop.



Mrs Zahid Saeed (fifth left) pictured with ladies at the mango festival.



The Pakistani ambassador pictured with guests after the opening.

(Photos by Javed Basra)

Gulf Air holds reception

GULF AIR, Kuwait, recently hosted a reception to celebrate the introduction of Boeing 767-300 aircraft to its fleet. Gulf Air's manager in Kuwait, Saleh Al Kindy, said that the Boeing 767-300, an advanced type of aircraft, is now flying on the Kuwait route as well.

Al Kindy cut a cake to celebrate the addition of new aircraft to the Gulf Air fleet. Guests, who included a large number of diplomats, airline officials and travel agents, were treated to dinner. A raffle was also held and attractive prizes were presented to the winners.

The reception was held at the Kuwait Meridien Hotel.



A raffle winner receives a prize from Al Kindy.



Al Kindy (second left) cuts the cake as guests applaud.

WHAT'S ON**SOCIAL****German-speaking Cultural Association**

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

D'Assiesei Association
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

Onsm Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradyil — 2422973.

ARTS**German Painting Exhibition**

An exhibition of German paintings at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel, open daily until July 20.

More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum in Jabraiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

HOTELS

At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzehs, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and fruit cocktail crea-

Music committee encourages new talent

KUWAIT'S government has taken steps to boost music culture and has ordered the formation of a committee to encourage young Kuwaiti singers, according to Ahmed Abdulkareem, controller of the music department at Radio Kuwait.

The committee comprises representatives of Kuwait Radio and music companies in the country. It was formed in

accordance with a recent Kuwaiti cabinet decision.

Abdulkareem denied reports that the committee was discouraging new singers and emphasised: "The committee has been designed to encourage new singers and develop their talents."

Over 18-year-old Kuwaiti singers, who are introduced by a music company, are given a chance to further their careers.

At the Sheraton

Mangoes in the coffee shop: dishes featuring the mango will be offered for a week.

Dine in the Riccardo restaurant to enjoy Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo.

Every Sunday, enjoy Lebanese cuisine at the Al Hambra, which features seafood specialities every Wednesday night. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers authentic English atmosphere and features a selection of the best grilled food; music by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams.

At the Holiday Inn

Tropical melon delights are being promoted in various outlets at the hotel ... Al Ahmadi coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS**PBAK bowling tournament**

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1**

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Cartoons: Space Adventure
10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
10.15 Thamar Al Shok: daily serial, starring Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabui, Ahsan Qalawi.
11.00 News Summary
11.15 Ablah Munira: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jabar, Saad Ardash.
12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick: with Brian Keith
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.30 Fursan Al Hikmah: Arabic serial
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.20 Sadiqi Al Wafsi: Arabic film, featuring Farook Fishawi, Saeed Saleh, Amin Al Hindi.
6.00 Al Jawharah: children's serial, starring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Dafrawi, Wafa Shihab, Huda Essa.
7.10 Variety Show
7.50 Wa Qasat Al Arab: And the Arabs Said... Arabic serial.
8.30 Diwaniyat Shura Al Nabt; poetry session
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Naar Al Dugqan: daily serial; starring



A file photo of the fifth Arab Cup football championship, now being played in Amman, Jordan. One of the matches will be shown at 8.00 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

Kamal Shinnawi, Sherihan

10.30 Najma Fi Sam'a Al Fann: host Aminah Al Sharrah looks at the life and work of Arab actor Rahel Saud Al Rashed.
11.50 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Closedown.

KTV 2

4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Cartoons
4.25 Gold Cup: recorded replay of Brazil vs Australia.
5.55 Heathcliff
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: homo sapiens communicate with each other by means of language.
7.10 Valerie: "Of Human Bondage".
8.00 News in English
8.40 Hilary's World of Adventure
9.00 Arab Cup Football: from Amman
11.15 Best-seller: A Perfect Spy. Pym learns the truth about his father in this episode. The series is based on John le Carre's novel.
12.05 News Summary
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite
12.30 Holy Quran/closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES**BBC World Services**

Summary
30 The A-Z of Hollywood
45 Letter from America
6000 Newsdesk
30 Jazz for the Asking
7000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Words (ex 3rd Sportsworld)
50 Waveguide: (ex 2nd)
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure's Yours
9000 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sports world: 10th Midnight Express)
20 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
04 News About Britain
13 From Our Own Correspondent
30 A Word in Edgewise
1400 Wordsend
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45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0800 World News
19 Twenty-Four Hours: News

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Hawalli and Nugra
Al Ikhlas Pharmacy
Opp. Andalus, Beirut St.
Salmini and Rumaihiya
Al Markaziya Pharmacy
Asfoor Bldg., Omar Bin Al Aas St.
Fahabeel and Ahmadi
Al Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghaneem Bldg., Dabbous St., Fheil
Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
Al Razi Pharmacy
Mubarak Khareej Bldg., Al Amman 17th Block 14
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Laila Al Kabd Al Bakaiza
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhaib Babil, Ismail Yunus
Al Salmiya
Police Academy IV
Starring: Steve Guttenberg, Bubba Smith
Al Hamra
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakin
Drive-In
Hikayat Nisf Million Dollar (Arabic)
Starring: Yahya Fakhri, Ihab Shahin
Al Firdous
Jeeb Ke Paar (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Mumtaz
Fahabeel Open-Air
Kunwara Baap (Hindi)
Starring: Rajesh Khanna

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.28 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.29 pm
Maghreb 6.48
Isha 8.17

1900 Opening
1916 Between Qaul
1924 Programme Preview
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geel
2000 News
2030 Songs
2040 Geet Kuhani
2100 Closedown

Urdu
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Al Fahabeel
To Burn the Sun
Al Jabra
Mere Humdum Mere Dost (Hindi)
Granda
Kasam (Hindi)
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Poonam Dhillon, Salabikhah
Mad Mission IV
Al Jeeb
Anantharam (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
The Valley Girl

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING can be honourable where justice is absent
— Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106 BC-43 BC)

Japan scandals nothing unusual

By Naoko Nakamichi

TOKYO, (Reuters): Two financial scandals have recently rocked Japanese politics, but analysts say there is nothing unusual about the behaviour revealed — those involved are just unlikely that they were found out.

Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa on Friday apologised for his secretary's involvement in one of the scandals, in which some politicians' aides bought shares in a real estate company before they were publicly placed in 1984.

The secretaries of both the current Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and his predecessor Yasuhiro Nakasone were named as having been involved in the insider trading scandal.

What they did was not illegal under current insider trading rules but the embarrassment of the disclosure has already led to the resignation of the real estate company's chairman and the chairman of Japan's top financial newspaper.

Resigned

Four senior officials in the prime minister's office have also resigned in the past month as a result of a bribery scandal involving government advertising contracts for traffic safety campaigns.

"In West Germany or other countries, it would have definitely brought down the government," said professor Toshihiko Hara of Tohoku University, who has studied in West Germany.

"But this kind of thing is happening every day and all over in Japanese politics. The only special thing is that this took place at the top level and got disastrously unveiled," he said.

Tezuro Murobushi, author of the book "The Structure of Corruption," agreed. Stock trading, he said, was increasingly used to channel funds to politicians after public criticism of the extravagant parties which politicians used to hold for company executives in return for large cash gifts.

Japanese companies have been known to give shares to politicians and arrange for them suddenly to jump in value as a way of disguising their political

contributions.

Unlisted stocks are a good vehicle for this sort of deal because there were virtually no regulations governing them, Murobushi said.

"Companies have never been reluctant to pay money to politicians," Tohoku University's Hara said. "They are just searching for certain, safe and unobtrusive ways of money delivery."

Political analysts say one of the keys to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's long tenure in office is the attention paid by its politicians to doing favours, big or small, for constituents, especially businessmen and farmers.

"For individuals, the Liberal Democratic Party man in the village, to whom they occasionally give presents, will find their son a job, or their daughter a nice husband," Hara said.

"Everybody is seeking to get favours out of politicians by supporting and serving them," Murobushi added.

Corruption

Makoto Satake, an author on business subjects, said political corruption is especially common in the real estate business because politicians often know in advance about government development plans.

"The (share) scandal came probably only came to light because of dissatisfaction in the real estate company concerned due to the dictatorial character of the resigned chairman," he added.

Hara said he believed the money collected by such schemes was generally used by politicians to finance their political activities.

"Nobody can be really upset about the scandal. Everybody is doing more or less the same," he said.

The Russians, for instance, did not inspect the equipment the Americans brought with them and began to do so only after Soviet inspectors' baggage was searched by American officials on their arrival in the United States.

Ensuring that no violations of the treaty occur is of course relatively easy since the INF Treaty provides for the destruction

of all intermediate range missiles.

The START Treaty, as currently envisioned, provides for only a fifty per cent destruction of long-range nuclear missiles, which is much more complex to control and verify than bringing the number down to zero. The two superpowers have given each other three years for the destruction of all intermediate-range nuclear missiles. A total of 429 warheads will be removed from deployed US missiles and 1,667 warheads from deployed Soviet missiles.

Plane

One of the most disturbing pieces of information that have emerged from the controversy over the mistaken identification of the Iranian passenger plane has been the disclosure that the commander of the USS Vincennes had only four minutes to make up his mind whether to fire his missiles against the approaching plane he assumed to be hostile.

It is not much time for a human being to decide such a crucial question. It makes one wonder at the well known fact that the commander of the US Strategic Air Force would not have any more time to determine whether the United States is under attack by hostile forces. It is on his subsequent assessment that the President of the United States would issue his order for action and he too would not have much more than four minutes to make up his mind whether to unleash the American nuclear deterrent.

The Russians do not want the inspectors to peer into the inner secrets of their nuclear warheads, and I am told, there is no need to do so. An X-ray picture of the warheads of the Strategic Air Command is more reliable than that of the USS Vincennes.

Disturbing

The second most disturbing piece of information is the now widely accepted conclusion from what happened in the Gulf that the US Navy is designed for ocean war-fighting against the Soviet Union and not for the kind of operations it is now engaged in, in the kind of pond the Gulf is, and that the USS Vincennes is the wrong ship in the wrong place, carrying electronic equipment that was not designed for the tasks it is supposed to fulfill in the Gulf. Furthermore, some experts claim that the Aegis, the crucial gear on the USS Vincennes is functioning best when asked to determine how many hostile planes are approaching, but not to identify the outlines of one single plane.

The reliability and use of the electronic gadget involved in the decision-making processes is now under intense official investigation. But since the rules of engagement require a military commander to shoot if there is the possibility that he "may be under enemy attack" and that he must not assume the risk of having failed in his duty to protect the forces *under his command*, it is unlikely that he will be blamed for the air disaster.

The human catastrophe has raised anew the question in Congress and in the press whether, under these circumstances, the US Navy should remain in the Gulf, whether the US should continue to lean toward supporting Iraq, and whether this accident has not opened up an opportunity for diplomatic initiatives to bring the war to an end.

All the indications point to the fact that President Reagan will keep the Navy in the Gulf to further strengthen the confidence among the Gulf states that they can count on American help in an emergency.

The composition of the naval force, though, may undergo some changes, including the withdrawal of the USS Vincennes. However, with Iraq now enjoying a definite advantage in the war, the administration may

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Adm. William Crowe (left) and Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev.

decide to assume a more evenhanded policy between Iraq and Iran, should the Iranians become more hospitable to a diplomatic solution.

However self-serving, the appeal of Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to Iran's terrorist organisations not to avenge the downing of the airliner in order not to defeat the sympathies Iran is garnering around the world, it is also viewed here as an indirect, if faint, hint that the so-called pragmatist, is searching for ways of signalling the desirability of a diplomatic solution to the war.

Attempts

So far, whatever attempts were made by the United States behind the scenes led nowhere. Iraq, feeling victorious, wants to exploit the advantages it has gained and the Iranians, unwilling to admit the major set-backs they have suffered, continue the war in the absence of an internal political consensus which prevents the government from reaching any decisive conclusions.

It is likely, though, that the Japanese will come under renewed pressure to make a more substantial financial contribution to the war effort.

tion to the American efforts to keep the sea lanes in the Gulf open, for it is Iran, more than any other country, that depends for its oil on resources in the Gulf. Recent opinion polls show that Americans continue to be full of contempt for Iran, but this did not interfere with the decision that the United States would pay compensation to Iran for the loss of lives in the accident.

Convention

American political conventions are a serious attempt at uniting the party in preparation for the ultimate struggle, the presidential election campaign, disguised as a gaudy, entertaining circus production.

That of the Democrats begins in Atlanta, tomorrow. Michael Dukakis, the governor of Massachusetts, will be nominated as the Democrats' presidential candidate. Nothing sensational is likely to happen and yet the organisers of the convention are terribly worried about its outcome.

The reason is the unpredictability of Jesse Jackson, who challenged Dukakis to the last, and the need for the party to project unity to the nation. The proceedings will be nationally televised and if people gain the impression that behind all the hoop-la there are deep divisions within the party, it could do a great deal of damage to the party, for the undecided voters may conclude that the Democrats are not ready to govern.

Compromise

They will also want to see whether the political compromises that have to be reached at every convention will appeal to those called swing voters who bear a similarity to those fought on the American side. There is good reason to believe that Admiral Crowe raised this subject with his guest.

Even though the START Treaty is still far from signature and the conventional arms control talks have hardly begun, the military with the long lead-time for weapons production and their differences over what weapons are dispensable, are anxious to know, for planning purposes, of what adjustments will become necessary in devising a new force structure.

Meanwhile, General Akhromeyev has been given some demonstrations of the power of the American naval forces. He was permitted from the deck of one of the mighty aircraft carriers to watch the take-off and landings of American fighter bombers, in one case three of them taking off simultaneously, something, I am told, left him in awe.

Road to slavery and prostitution

Sale of women and children a boom trade

By Anis Ahmed

At the same time, the US vice-president said his nation's reaction to the accidental downing of the plane "fills our hearts with sorrow" that "transcends political differences and boundaries."

Aides said that Bush's presentation was written by three or four speechwriters, with most of the ideas for its wording coming from him. The text was co-ordinated with both the State Department and the National Security Council before Bush delivered it, the aides said.

Compassion

Departing from his prepared text, Bush looked across the semi-circular council table at Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Velayati and said in measured tones, "of course we feel badly about it, of course we have compassion, of course we care."

"The United States has never willingly acted to endanger innocent civilians, nor will it ever," Bush said.

"Contrast this with the willful detention in inhuman conditions of Americans and others held hostage against their will. One country is civilized; the other barbaric."

Speaking with reporters aboard Air Force II on his way to New York, Bush said President Ronald Reagan "decided to put some real emphasis on the policy of the United States of elevating the level of representation."

His presentation of the US case to the world forum was one of Bush's most highly visible assignments as vice-president, and it comes just days before Democrats assemble in Atlanta to formally select Michael Dukakis as their presidential nominee.

It was his first speech to the Security Council since he served there, although he addressed the General Assembly in 1986 in a ceremony honouring the UN's 40th anniversary.

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Expulsion of US ambassador

By Bryna Brennan

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, (AP): Perhaps it was a case of escalating pressure on the Sandinista government that led it to take its most dramatic diplomatic move against the United States. Or perhaps it was, as an opposition group suggests, the return of repression or an effort to create a new bargaining chip.

Either explanation was possible for the Sandinistas' dramatic, surprise move ordering the expulsion of ambassador Richard Melton, who departed Tuesday, and seven US embassy diplomats.

Police said they detained 43 opposition figures following the Sunday march. The Democratic Co-ordinate, an umbrella group of anti-government organisations and political parties, claimed security agents were rounding up dissidents in various Nicaraguan cities.

The anti-Sandinistas group charged that the government was "developing a wave of repression." It also said the crackdown "makes more distant the possibility of creating an adequate climate of peace and national reconciliation."

A top leader of the opposition Social Christian Party, Adan Fletes, said the government's crackdown on its critics is meant to improve its negotiating position in future peace talks with Nicaraguan rebels.

Nonetheless, the two nations maintain diplomatic relations.

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Nicaragua makes a dramatic move

long the facade of diplomatic ties could bear up to the strain of the reality of US-Nicaraguan relations.

The Reagan administration makes no secret of its disdain for the Sandinistas, who in turn hold Washington responsible for seven years of war against the Contras which has cost 26,000 lives and shattered the economy.

During the past seven years, the Reagan administration has financed the Contra rebels in the war to overthrow the Sandinistas and provided other covert support.

The United States cut off aid to Nicaragua in 1981, blocked loans, and enacted a trade embargo in 1985. Bilateral talks to resolve the problems were last held in 1984 despite repeated requests for renewal by the Sandinistas.

Washington claims that the Marxist-led Sandinistas represent a threat to US national security interests by serving as a beachhead for communism and aiding the Marxist rebels fighting the US-backed government in El Salvador.

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TOD

We've come a long way, baby

By Enamul Haq

THE women of Bangladesh have come a long way in their struggle to prove themselves a significant force in the nation. They are now a familiar sight in the political arena, administrative tiers, legislative floors, courts of law, seats of higher education, forums of diplomacy, and are also well-represented in challenging professions like medicine, banking, architecture, engineering, journalism and business management.

The emergence of Bangladesh in 1971 opened up new frontiers for its 50 million women. They figured prominently in all planning under a general consensus that women are crucial to development and social transformation. Voting rights, equal status as citizens, the right to work — these are all embodied in the constitution.

Measures have been taken to draw women into the stream of development and to enable them to participate in all spheres of national life. A separate ministry has been set up to deal with women's affairs; it has generally been headed by a woman minister. To ensure fair representation, a floor of 15 per cent has been imposed in



Bangladesh's health policy places an emphasis on producing primary health care facilities in rural areas.

government and autonomous bodies. In the health and population areas, over sixty per cent of the jobs are held by women.

During the Second Five Year Plan (ended June 1985), it was felt that a dynamic action programme was necessary to fuel more meaningful participation in the development process. Taka 310 million (about US \$10 million) was allocated to 25 projects aimed at achieving this objective. The results include 204 skill

development and production centres which train underprivileged women. More teacher training centres have been opened, with better hostel facilities; for career women, hostels have been set up at the four divisional headquarters.

Concern for the welfare of women has been reflected more fully in the Third Five Year Plan (1985-1990). In the health sector, for example, rural health services for women are to be established; maternal and child healthcare, family planning, nutrition, immunisation, family health education and sanitation are to be major components. About 21,000 field workers are offering family planning, maternity and child-care services to women in 1225

rural family welfare centres; these figures are expected to increase substantially in the course of the plan period. Voluntary agencies, domestic and foreign, play a significant role in this area.

Steps have been taken to accelerate and expand educational facilities. The third plan has given priority to education of rural women. Places are reserved for women in schools and colleges throughout the country while talented women are awarded special grants as well scholarships.

In the employment field, the objective is to ensure equal opportunities for women workers and to facilitate their



Educating women is part of the family planning programme.



Begum Khaleda Zia (left) and Sheikh Hasina Wajed (right), leader of the two main opposition parties, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the Awami League respectively.

integration into the labour force. To encourage participation by rural women, programmes have been set up to allow them to start home-based production. They are thus able to learn new skills in a familiar environment and contribute to the family income at the same time. Uprooting women from the countryside for jobs in distant industrial areas would ruin their family life and break the traditional bonds of understanding on which their society is based.

The Third Plan has allocated

Taka 500 million (about US \$16 million) for women's uplift projects. Another Taka 160 million (US \$5 million) is expected from non-government organisations. Major projects include the establishment of skill development, training and production centres, daycare centres for the children of working mothers, more hostels for career women, the strengthening of women's and children's academies, and training and rehabilitation centres for socially handicapped women.

Protect

Stringent laws have been enacted over the years to protect women from oppression and the ancient dowry system which alone is responsible for the destruction of thousands of homes. The minimum age at which girls may get married has been raised from 16 to 18. Early marriage led to a higher birth rate and cut short their education. Important amendments have been made to Muslim family laws, making it difficult for men to take more than one wife, and facilitating speedy adjudication of family disputes. Munsif courts right down to the upazila level have been given the jurisdiction of family courts so that men and women of small means do not have to travel too far to seek justice. Family disputes can also be taken to counselling boards at the village and union levels. Under the government's new programme for distribution of state land to landless and subsistence level peasants, care has been taken to ensure that legal ownership goes to both husband and wife.

Study

Strangely, this historical linking of fatness and fertility actually makes a lot of biological sense. For a girl to begin and then maintain her normal menstrual cycles throughout her reproductive years, she must have a threshold level of body fat. Excessive dieting, or its more extreme form of anorexia nervosa, can result in a loss of menstrual cycles and reversible infertility. Normal cycles will only start again when an appropriate amount of fat has been accumulated.

This is not simply a question of body weight, because the same loss of fertility happens to athletes undergoing intense training. They may not be thin, nor underweight, but they sacrifice their fatty tissues and build up their muscles instead. Menstrual cycles either stop or become very irregular.

A careful study of a female bodybuilder highlighted this phenomenon perfectly. She does not run, jog or dance but concentrates on building up her muscles with exercise machines. When she is in

The battle against the blubber is the curse of many women. And yet, it seems, the absolute amount of body fat is an important fertility factor; too little of it and women become infertile.

"shape" for a competition her periods stop, despite her rippling muscles and strength. In between times, when exercise is less intense and a few pounds of fat are laid down, her periods resume.

This somewhat obscure dependence of fertility on body fat is a fact which was more or less stumbled upon. Back in the early Seventies, Rose Frisch and her colleague, Roger Revelle, at Harvard University were gathering information about heights, weights and calorie supplies of communities in Asia and Latin America. They were trying to estimate the world's food requirements.

While analysing all the information, they found that the age at which girls had their most rapid growth in weight (an event preceding the first menstruation or menarche) was dependent on a girl's weight rather than age. In other words, girls from communities with poor nutritional standards had a later growth spurt and menarche compared with heavier girls with a good calorie supply.

Principle

That, perhaps, was not so surprising but when they found that during the growth spurt most girls more than doubled their body fat (with a much smaller increase in lean mass), they began to suspect that fat may be the vital clue.

After many years of careful study this has proved to be so. Adolescent girls need at least 17 per cent of their body weight in fat before they can start menstruating. Hence, very thin girls, young athletes, dancers and the like, are often quite late in starting their periods.

The same principle applies to

adults when ovulatory cycles or menstruation stops because of dieting or intense training. However, in order to get their cycles going again, fat stores must build up to over 20 per cent of their body weight. An extra amount, which would correspond to the further growth that normally takes place between menarche and 18 years of age. At this stage, reproductive functions have usually reached full maturity.

Sometimes, this dependency of fertility on fatness is so finely balanced that a woman need only gain or lose one or two kilograms before her menstrual cycles are switched on or off accordingly. Such dependency does go a long way towards explaining the enormous variations in human fertility seen in populations that do not use any form of contraception.

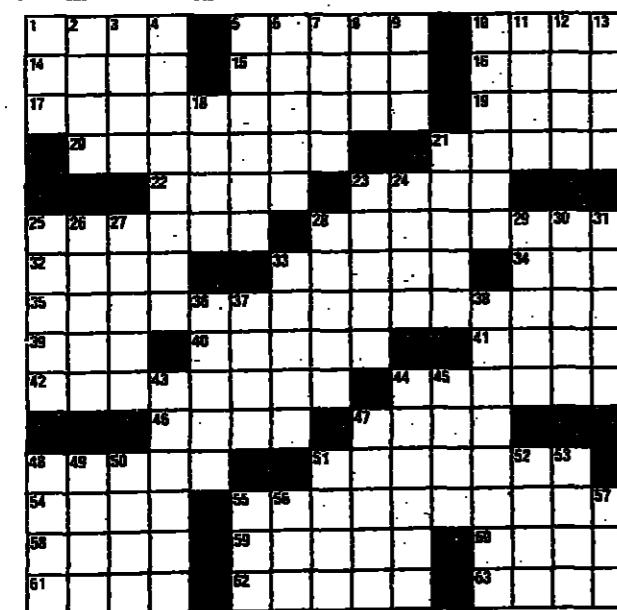
For example, the hard living nomads of the Kalahari desert produce an average of four children compared with the well-nourished Hittites in the US (a non-contraceptive religious sect) who average 11.

It may be presumptuous to assume that this difference in the number of offspring is totally related to body fat. However, poorly fed women tend to have prolonged periods of infertility while they are feeding their infants; presumably due to their depleted fat reserves. Not so with women with good fat stores. They can conceive again very soon after the birth of a child, irrespective of whether or not they are breast feeding. Good nutrition keeps their fat levels above the critical point of 20 per cent of their body weight.

So what is so special about fat? Obviously evolution has endowed women with comparatively large fat stores as a reserve of extra energy for pregnancy and lactation. Part of the survival principle. Yet this does not really explain why women can lose their fertility simply through shedding a few pounds of fat.

The answer seems to lie in the fact that fat tissues store sex hormones. When fatty tissues are at a low ebb they convert their stores of sex hormones into oestrogens with low biological activity.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Catch sight of
5 Krakow natives
10 Year
14 Nevada tourist center
15 Puccini work
16 Cabbage salad
17 Some aviators' talent
19 Rational
20 Barbs
21 Valuable turs
22 Imitated
23 Andy's pal
25 Tried out
28 Part of AFL
32 Engrave
33 Cheer up
34 Biblical lion
35 With no restrictions
39 Legged it fast
40 Pierce Arrows
41 Aerie
42 West Indies islands
44 Annie —
46 Fortune-teller
47 — the word
48 Scottish dances
51 Indicates
54 Wood-dressing tool
55 High-rise structure
58 Jazz trumpeter Al
59 Singer Della
60 Emperor or pianist
61 The Seven —
62 Warhol and others
63 Legal document

DOWN
1 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
2 Lapdog, for short

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦Q874 ♠85 ♦KJ102 ♣953

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Make the same bid you would have made had there been no interference — a raise to two spades. If you elect to pass, you might find that by the time the bidding gets back to you it is at an uncomfortably high level, and you won't know whether or not to compete.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦QJ74 ♠99 ♦A10762 ♣953

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have limited defensive capabilities but great offensive potential. Had East not interposed a bid, you would have jumped to four spades. Make the same bid now.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦985 ♠QJ762 ♠83 ♣A93

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—We think you are worth one try, and we have a sneaky admiration for those who bark out three no trump without giving a thought to the heart situation or worrying about losing a partial when the no trump game fails. We would bid three spades, and hope that partner has the sort of heart holding that would permit him to convert to three no trump.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦KJ62 ♠Q103 ♦AJ983 ♣55

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Although partner's jump to two no trump is not forcing, just highly invitation, you should not pass unless you have a sub-minimum response. Here, you are full value for your bid. Since your hand is balanced, don't rebid your hearts. Simply raise to three no trump.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A10762 ♠KJ854 ♣J92

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—In support of spades, your hand revalues to 14 points. Since the equivalent of an opening bid facing an opening should be enough for game, jump to four spades. Don't bid only three spades; that would be invitation, and partner might pass with a minimum.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦KJ62 ♠Q103 ♦AJ983 ♣55

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2 ♠ Pass ?

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THE WIZARD OF ID

BY Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 21 - April 18)

You will be able to persuade others to do as you wish. However you should not be too demanding. Your private life will take a turn for the better. Be considerate.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

At first there will be a degree of uncertainty but soon you will see your way more clearly. You will be able to meet someone very much to your liking. Remember that variety is the spice of life. Be benevolent.

Gemini (May 20 - June 21)

You should not take any new commitments just now if you can help it. Do not allow yourself to be affected too much by what you read in the papers.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The Moon's better influence in conjunction with that of Mercury will help you to sort out a personal problem.

You will be successful with something that has been on your mind.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will be able to spend the day in pleasant company. Make sure that you pay your fair share. Avoid saying anything you do not really mean. Be more attentive.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The prospects are quite good but you should not expect too much. Make sure you have considered the alternatives carefully before deciding on what to do. Do not suffer fools gladly. Be moderate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. You should try not to get between a friend and his partner. A little more goodwill will go a very long way. Be tolerant.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Some relatively small matter will cause you considerable concern. Mars' influence will however help you to deal with it. Do not be too swayed by events. Be positive.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Ilocano youth join pro-Marcos group

A BIG group of Ilocano youth have initially enlisted with the militant Civilian Marcos Loyalist (CML) organisation, in what could be a closing of ranks of pro-Marcos supporters in Ilocos region and Metro Manila.

The affiliation rites were held recently at the spot near the Laoag International Airport where the CML had pitched camp the past 34 days to demand the reopening of the airport.

Declaring "if the giant is sleeping, the children are not," the Ilocano youth vowed to take more active role in Loyalist movements anywhere in the country.

This move was a reaction of the youth group to misgivings expressed by Manila loyalists that many Ilocanos elders especially former friends and cronies were foot dragging and less vocal fighting a Marcos cause.

The mass induction of Ilocano youngsters was witnessed by former presidential assistant to then Pres. Marcos, Lito Gorospe and CML national president Anthony Santos.

Youth leaders Edwin Factora and Manny Agustin declared that thousands more of Ilocano youths both in and out of school, would march around Laoag City in a show of force and motivation.

Ilocos Norte CML president Rudy Perucho said his group planning a big march with the participation of its town and barangay unit chapters.

CML national president Anthony Santos said their organisation approved the Ilocano youth's affiliation to help them become great assets of their region by instilling awareness and consciousness.

Santos said their membership will be just like any other school club, only this time they will not only be concerned with their school's affairs but the entire nation's.

The council of leaders of the CML, meanwhile, announced the appointment of engineer-businessman Rodulfo Perucho as president for Ilocos Norte.

Perucho prior to his appointment was president of the CML Cabeza chapter in Laoag City.

MNLF rebels surrender

A TOTAL of 337 foreign-trained fighters of the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front under Nur Misuari have surrendered in Tawi-tawi.

Defense Undersecretary Eduardo Ermata, who received the surrenders during a visit to that southernmost province recently said that the government is expecting 700 secessionist rebels to give themselves up in the next few months.

Ermata said the surrender is significant in that it could mean the secessionist movement is "crumbling." He said the rebels told him they have not been getting financial and logistical support to sustain their struggle.

Strongest

The MNLF rebels are divided into three factions — Misuari's being considered by the military as the strongest.

The rebels, led by MNLF commander Hatib Gumbahal, will be allowed to avail themselves of the government's amnesty programme. Ermata said the provincial government of Tawi-tawi, in co-ordination with the military, has begun processing the papers of the surrenders. They will be given medical treatment, accommodation and possible means of livelihood.

PCGG to investigate missing Jai Alai funds

The Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) is set to start an investigation into reports that former Commodore Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez, brother of former First Lady Imelda Marcos, pocketed P76 million of Jai Alai proceeds when he still headed its operations.

The funds, which Romualdez allegedly deposited in a Metro Manila bank before his sistered to Hawaii with deposed President Marcos two years ago, is missing since the PCGG took over the Philippine Jai Alai and Amusement Corporation, Inc.

A PCGG official directly involved in the sequestration of the PJAC told reporters that a special stockholders' meeting will be called "anytime now" to elect a new board of directors.

The official, who spoke on condition he is not identified, said PCGG fiscal agents may be involved in hiding the missing Jai Alai funds, and in other anomalies at the PJAC.

Guns become a necessity in the Philippines

Terror stalks Manila streets

By Criselda Yabes

MANILA, (Reuter): Philippine Congresswoman Lorna Yap keeps gold and diamond jewellery on her bedroom dresser. Nearby, she keeps a closet full of guns.

As right-wing death squads, communist rebels and common criminals daily spill blood on Manila's streets, many Filipinos now look on a gun as a necessary safety precaution.

"For as long as the military is not able to explain why the killers have not been caught, I will continue to keep my guns," Yap said in an interview.

Guns are part of daily life in the Philippines.

Security guards at buildings tote sawn-off shotguns. Supermarket shoppers and coffee-shop patrons sometimes carry a pistol in their belts. Sports shops sell holsters and specially designed shoulder bags with space for ammunition.

Many clubs, shops and cinemas see nothing unusual in displaying signs at their doors asking customers to "please deposit firearms and other weapons with the security guard."

The military estimates there are at least 400,000 "loose" or unregistered firearms and tens of thousands more carried legally.

President Corazon Aquino's only son, Benigno, wounded during a coup attempt last year, these days takes part in shooting tournaments with his .45 pistol.

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man-made Walther PPK, James Bond's trademark, in his pocket.

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"If you know your enemies have guns, you must also have them just in case ... sort of like a

balance of terror," Binay said.

Congressmen last year voted themselves special authority to import the latest in personal handguns.

Local politicians are often accused of stockpiling weapons for their own private armies.

The Philippines has its own gun-making industry but the

popular obsession with firearms has boosted gun-running.

Each month at Manila's international airport officials seize dozens of pistols and rifles together with thousands of rounds of ammunition concealed in boxes of dirty clothes, fruit crates and even sardine cans.

Military sources said soldiers

themselves were widely believed to be behind the gun-running business, as well as influential politicians and businessmen.

A .45 pistol bought in the United States for \$40 dollars will fetch three times the price on Manila's black market.

The recent spate of political killings in Manila's streets has prompted calls for controls and moves to, as the local press put it, "deglamorise the cult of the gun."

"It is high time something was done about loose guns," the conservative Manila Times said in an editorial.

At the height of last year's bloody coup attempt, Congresswoman Yap lugged her Uzi machine-gun into the lower house chamber amid a storm of criticism.

"Neither my husband nor my bodyguards were around," she explained with a shrug.

A sharpshooter in her spare time, Yap shares her passion for guns with her husband, Colonel Adelberto Yap, Aquino's former chief aide-de-camp. She said their collection ranges from a .32 pistol to a grenade launcher.

Underneath their two-storey suburban home, the Yaps built a sound-proof firing range where the Congresswoman practises with her favourite Uzi machine pistol.

"Guns belong to a world of their own," the Congresswoman said as she flicked on the light in her wardrobe, revealing an array of guns and accessories.

"It's just being practical. I just can't throw them away ... they're like jewellery," she said.

ASEAN proposes aid package

By Chay O. Florentino

THE Philippines will need \$8-\$10 billion in foreign aid the next four years to ease poverty and unemployment, said a statement circulated recently among foreign ministers of ASEAN and its major trading partners.

The statement was issued by the Philippines in Bangkok at the opening of three days of annual talks between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and its partners.

The international aid plan, also called the "psectoral programme" for the Philippines will be taken up between the ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, on the one hand, and their counterparts from Japan, Australia, United States, New Zealand Canada, and the European Community, on the other.

Poverty

The statement said the Philippines needs the \$10-billion additional development aid to bring down to 45 per cent the number of Filipino families living below the poverty line.

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In an order not to aggravate its debt service problem, the government hopes that "the bulk of the assistance can come in the form of grants or with much improved terms over official development assistance can come in the form of grants or with much improved terms over official development assistance," the statement said.

It also said the Philippines hopes for "maximum flexibility" in determining use of the funds in a "mix of programme, project support and debt relief" channels.

The Philippines is faced with a \$28.6-billion foreign debt whose servicing eats up 40 percent of the government's annual budget.

In the past two years, the Philippines has reversed the contraction of its economy and registered positive growth, the country statement said. Last year, the country's gross national product grew by 5.7 per cent and 7.6 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

The Philippine statement stressed the urgency of the aid package. "We race against time. The insurgency movement is related to rural and urban poverty. It loses ground as visible improvements take place in poverty alleviation. It will continue to grow if the people become impatient with the pace of progress."

The Philippines, according to the statement, also opts for self-reliance and a reduced dependence on external resources in the future as a result of the aid programme.

President Aquino has created a high-level task force made up of Cabinet members, representatives of Congress and the private sector to study how the additional aid package would put to use.

The Philippines is finalizing "integrated packages of high-impact, high visibility projects" in each region which can be used to show the effectiveness of the programme, the statement said.

The projects planned for each region consist of the development of roads, ports, telecommunications and power. Besides providing capital, donor countries can also extend technical assistance.

The proposed aid package for the Philippines got a boost when ASEAN foreign ministers in a final joint communiqué called for its immediate implementation.

Star chooses career over school

By Pete Ampoloquio, Jr



Dingdong Avanzado: I may not be the reigning star of the hour but I'm slowly realizing my goal!

for me, it's not just a lark or an expensive pastime. Honestly, I intend to make out of it a career. The school may be a good institution but it always can wait. The same thing cannot be said with a showbiz career though. One thing more, a showbusiness naman, it's the talent that's first and foremost at secondary: na lang bale ang height at iba pang bagay.

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This early nagiging bikntima na rin si Dingdong ng mga parents lately: "Yeah," he avers. "They're quite supportive now. Nakita naman kasi nilang hindi naayang ang efforts ko. I may not be reigning star of the hour but I'd like to think that I'm slowly realizing my goal."

Started

Dingdong started his singing career May of last year when he auditioned for a possible part of the singing group New Minstrels. He was fortunately accepted but he left the group after a month for them that his studies were, by far, more important than his looming singing career.

"At this point in his life when his career is doing adequately well, the chunky-eyed singer candidly admits that he's missing school and the campus life that goes with it. "But I've got no choice," he reasons out. "I have already invested a lot of time in here and

barefooted and for a Filipino, that's not really bad. Kung si Jano ngay wala yata ngay five four pero hindi siya tinatawag na bawal, bat si naman mita gagammin yong tao?" One thing more, sa showbusiness naman, it's the talent that's first and foremost at secondary: na lang bale ang height at iba pang bagay.

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In the near future, he dreams of generating the movies also but he says it would have to be a wholesome role. But at the moment, he'd rather concentrate on his singing career and the beautiful things that it has to offer.

Provides

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With only the stronger teams remaining in each event, the fun and excitement is expected to shift to full gear as all teams will vie for the title on a knock-out system beginning this Friday July 22, to be followed by another match on Sunday July 24, and finally on July 29 just before the scheduled awarding ceremonies.

Filipino maids to be allowed into US

AMERICAN military and civilian personnel assigned in the Philippines are now allowed to take their Filipino maids with them to the United States.

A US embassy message circulated on Subic naval base said US Immigration and Naturalization Service Regulations now permit US government personnel and certain American private citizens who are regularly working in the Philippines but are assigned in the US for periods of no more than four years at a time, to employ Filipino domestics while they are in the US.

The message said these Filipino domestics may enter the US on business (B-L) visas. The visa will be annotated "domestic" and the message said the employer of US military member (or US citizens business person) on assignment in US for less than four years."

A domestic employee will be required to present a valid passport, a filled-up non-immigrant visa application form with one identification photo, and evidence that he or she has been employed by an American for more than six months and that he or she had at least one paid experience as a domestic help.

Also, a copy of employer's official transfer orders or other documentation indicating transfer to the US for a specific period of time should be presented when applying for a visa.



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ENRICO Wallenda (top) and his wife Debbie execute a mid-air crossover without net while suspended some 75 feet above the Circus Parade public show grounds in Milwaukee, USA. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Rev. Jesse Jackson receives a warm welcome from a young fan after his bus stopped in Nashville on Friday en route to the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. (Reuter wirephoto)



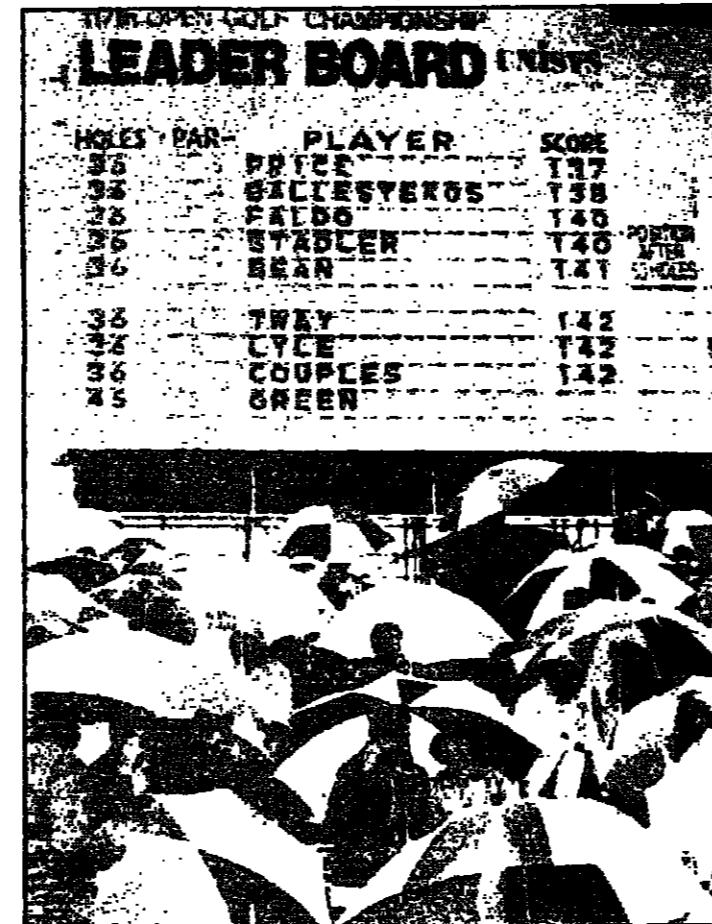
MAHMOUD Nour Al Deen, accused of leading an underground Egyptian revolutionary organisation, enters a state security court yesterday to appeal for release from prison until trial in October. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHILDREN play in the sea, ignoring unconfirmed reports that the Lebanese sea-shore is polluted with toxic waste. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE official insignia of the NASA STS 27 mission was released on Thursday. The insignia depicts the space shuttle's return to manned space flight. The design also commemorates the memory of the Challenger crew, represented by the seven stars. The STS 27 mission is scheduled for launch in October, 1988. (Reuter wirephoto)



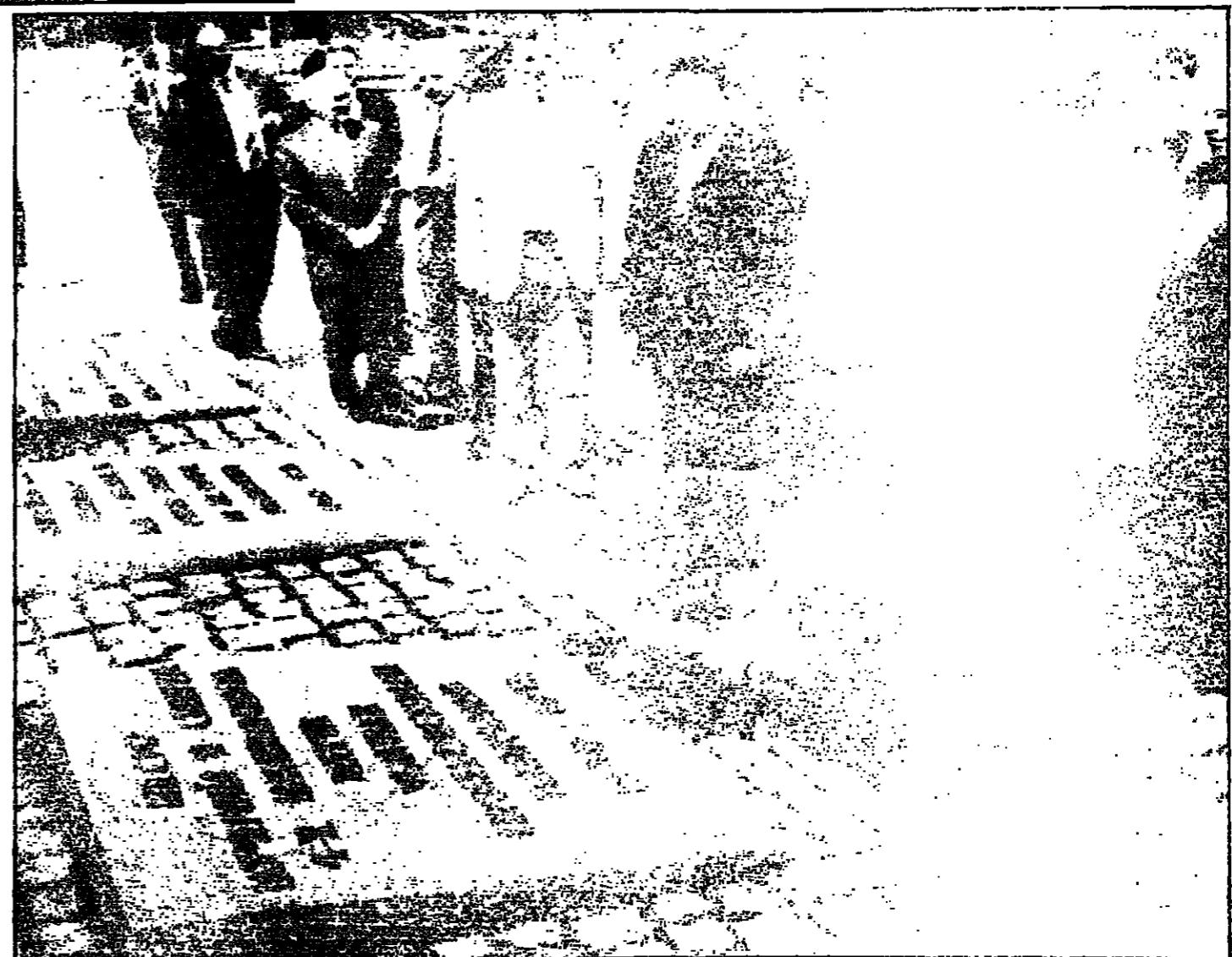
SPECTATORS at the British Open golf championships sit under umbrellas beneath the leader board during the third round of the tournament yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Queen Mother inspects the 8th battalion of the light infantry at Knebworth Priory. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHICAGO Park District employee Robert Walkowicz shows how his plastic-tubing barrier will contain small pools to soak tree roots. (Reuter wirephoto)



RAISA Gorbachev, wife of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, lays flowers at the foot of the 'Wall of Death' during a visit to the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in southern Poland on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy stronger than expected

Fed chief keeps them guessing on Wall Street

NEW YORK, July 16, (AP): Alan Greenspan has made his intentions clear to Wall Street: The US Federal Reserve either will or will not, tighten credit further in the weeks ahead.

Making his midsummer appearance before a congressional committee on Wednesday, the Central Bank chairman expressed a goodly measure of concern about the prospect of increased inflation in the United States if economic growth begins to strain the capacity of production facilities and the labour force.

As a result, he said, the Federal Reserve "might be well advised to err more on the side of restrictiveness rather than of stimulus."

OPEC urged to push up prices by reducing output

NICOSIA, July 16. (Reuter): Iran called on all oil producing countries today to push up prices by reducing output.

Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the call was made by Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqaqazadeh in an interview with the station.

It also quoted him as saying the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should abide by its decisions and avoid bringing bilateral quarrels to the group.

Co-operation

The minister called for co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers but accused Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE of undermining the market by ignoring OPEC decisions.

Meanwhile, OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto believes that OPEC will be entering "dangerous terrain" if its members allowed themselves to take unilateral decisions regarding production matters.

He was speaking to a correspondent of "Deutsche Welle," the external service of the West German Radio on Tuesday about his forthcoming visit to the UAE.

All OPEC members were concerned about overproduction, he added.

Subroto is also to deliver a letter from OPEC conference president Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

He said he would like to discuss, while in the emirates, the long and short-term effects of national production policies on the world oil market.

Quotas

Hesitated that OPEC members did not have output "quotas," but "temporary production levels" and, therefore, an agreement on "production ceilings" did not prejudice the future possibility of allocating permanent quotas to member countries.

Expressing concern about the president downward trend in oil prices, Subroto said this was no more than "simple economics." "If there is more oil on the market, the price goes down."

He added: "Of course, we want to see better prices, but that also means that production will have to be reduced."

He said all countries which were now overproducing, regardless of whether they were OPEC or non-OPEC, should practise restraint.

Calling for better understanding between OPEC and non-OPEC producers, Subroto said he hoped for a more permanent relationship between the two producer groups.

"Although there are problems, the political will for co-operation is there," he said.

He expressed confidence that OPEC and non-OPEC would ultimately come to an agreement or an understanding to co-operate, "hopefully, next year."

He said although, at present, Iraq was not a signatory to the OPEC production and price agreement, as an OPEC member country it still had the moral obligation to co-ordinate its oil policies in accordance with the interest of its fellow members of the organisation.

Loan agreement

THE World Bank and a group of 55 Japanese regional banks signed an eight-year loan agreement totalling 15 billion yen (\$119 million) this week in Tokyo.

The loan carries 5.5 per cent interest a year, payable semi-annually, and matures on June 10, 1996. The Bank of Yokohama is lead manager and agent for the loan.

The aggregate balance sheet of local banks declined by 0.3 per cent to K12,569 million against K12,607 million in the previous month.

At the same time, however, he said higher interest rates were not inevitable, and indicated he was in no rush to raise the discount rate — the rate the Federal Reserve charges on loans to private financial institutions, and one of its most visible tools for influencing trends in money and credit.

The next morning, a headline in one major newspaper declared "Greenspan signals higher interest rates," while another reported, "Greenspan sees stable

All in a day's work for Wall Street's watchers. The job description for the top job at the Federal Reserve stresses the ability to talk before Congress

for long periods of time without saying much of anything.

Some find this sort of thing offensive, arguing that an organisation with such power as the Federal Reserve should be more accountable to the citizenry and their elected representatives in a democracy.

Credit

But defenders of the present way of doing things say that whoever speaks for the Central Bank is obliged to choose his words carefully, if only because of the financial markets' tendency toward emotional overreaction.

In order to pursue its policies effectively, they say, the Federal Reserve must keep a close eye on

how the bond market, in particular, is behaving.

Suppose, for example, that it sought to ease credit and lower interest rates in circumstances that bond traders saw as potentially inflationary. They would then tend to push interest rates up.

The stock market behaved through the past week as if it had learned nothing startlingly new about the bank's intentions. Prices meandered in a narrow range, and the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed on Friday at 2,129.45, up 23.30 points from the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose .84 to 153.65; the Nasdaq com-

posite index for the over-the-counter market gained .26 to 394.59; and the American Stock Exchange market value index increased .29 to 309.31.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 175.20 million shares a day, against 163.40 in the previous week.

As circumspect as he was about the future, Greenspan did confirm that the Federal Reserve took a series of steps during the spring toward tighter credit when it became increasingly clear that the economy was stronger than expected.

"Scepticism about the Fed's resolve to resist inflationary pressures persists," observed David Resler, economist at

Nomura Securities International, in a midyear appraisal of the outlook.

"Many suspect that the Fed will be too slow to take necessary action against inflation during the election year."

However, Resler said, "the three credit tightening moves that the Fed took over an eight-week span in the second quarter ought to assuage fears that the Fed will not respond quickly and decisively to inflation pressures whenever they surface."

"Moreover, the financial markets' hypersensitivity to signs of inflation renders fruitless any attempts to steer the economy along an unwarranted growth path."

World Business Summary

UAE banker calls for more bank mergers

ABU DHABI, July 16, (KUNA): A leading UAE banking official has called for more bank mergers, stating that the banks which had already merged were able to expand their operations and earned more profits. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Sultan Al Dhahiri, deputy governor of the UAE Central Bank, said in an interview with Al Ittihad and Emirates News that the success achieved by the merged banks should encourage other banks to follow their steps for the benefit of the banks, the shareholders and the banking sector in general. Sheikh Mohammed said the performance of most of the local and foreign banks operating in the country was better last year than in the previous year. He added that in 1986 several banks had raised their provisions for bad debts in response to calls by the Central Bank and as part of efforts to support and strengthen the banking sector. He added that the banks which had responded to the call were keen to improve their economic standings, although this process had affected their profits in 1986, when the annual figure of some of them showed net losses. Sheikh Mohammed said most of these banks now have adequate provisions to cover bad debts, while other banks which had not completed the process of making provision faced losses in 1987.

Sheikh Mohammed said however, that almost all banks now have enough reserves to cover bad debts, and have strong balance sheets, and that the situation of the banking sector in general is good. He added that the world stock market crash had only a limited effect on banks operating in the UAE, because their portfolios are divided between local investments, loans and foreign investments.

Saudis reaffirm denial of oil output increase

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, July 16, (AP): Saudi Arabia issued its second denial in as many days on Thursday over oil market talk that the kingdom intends to boost production to meet the bill for a recently signed multi-billion-dollar arms deal with Britain. The kingdom, in a statement distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency, charged that it was the victim of an "artificial information campaign ... by oil brokers and their agents in the market."

"The kingdom strongly denies the truth of such charges and wishes to reaffirm its full commitment to its assigned level of production by OPEC," the statement said. "We find that certain circles are still insisting on charging the kingdom with the fall in oil prices as a result of the British arms deal," said the statement attributed to an unidentified "responsible source." On Wednesday, Oil Minister Hisham Nazer issued a statement denying that the kingdom would raise its oil production to cover the cost of the deal for E-1 made Tornado jet fighters, other military equipment and construction projects reportedly worth at least \$17 billion. A "memorandum of understanding" on the Saudi-UK arms deal was signed on July 3 and reports stated that Saudi Arabia intended to pay for the arms with oil. Rumours of Saudi over-production were fuelled by Saudi Arabia's apparent partial settlement of an earlier arms deal with Britain through oil barter.

Nazer stressed his country's commitment to its Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries daily quota of 4,343 million barrels and called on the other member states to respect their assigned production levels. He also urged oil producers outside the organisation to curtail their output in the interest of restoring stability to the world oil market. Concerns over OPEC production levels and the Saudi-UK arms deal were cited by dealers.

IFAD loan to help rural credit scheme in Tonga

ROME, July 16, (OPECNA): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will help a rural credit scheme in the South Pacific island kingdom of Tonga with a loan of \$2.30 million under an agreement signed here on Wednesday. The scheme was launched in 1984 with co-financing from IFAD, worth \$1 million, and similar assistance from the Asian Development Bank. The expansion is aimed at extending a credit scheme initiated by the Tonga Development Bank. The bank intends to make the financial viability of the enterprise its basic lending criterion, rather than the collateral offered.

The poorer section of the population, including small landless farmers, young peasants with limited assets, fishermen and women's group will also benefit from the project.

The group sub-loans are also to be extended to women's group for agricultural and handicraft activities.

American oil imports continue to rise

NEW YORK, July 16, (OPECNA): US oil imports continued to rise in the first six months of 1988, with foreign shipments accounting for 41 per cent of consumption, the American Petroleum Institute (API) said on Wednesday. The institute said imports for the first half of last year accounted for 37 per cent of demand. The increase this year was attributed to greater consumption coupled with lower domestic production. The institute said overall consumption rose by 2.5 per cent, slightly higher than the increase in the previous six months and more than twice the expected growth.

At the same time, with global prices far lower than they were two years ago, domestic consumption fell 2.3 per cent.

Edward Murphy, API director of finance, accounting and statistics, said the rise in oil imports might also have been caused by inventory build-ups because of a fear of higher prices. US dependence on oil imports was the highest in 1977 at 47 per cent and the lowest in 1982 and 1983 at around 31 per cent.

World Bank is planning to boost Third World loans

NEW YORK, July 16, (UPI): The World Bank is planning to increase its loans to developing countries by an annual 10 per cent, to more than \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s, the UN agency said on Thursday. "Fiscal year 1988 was an excellent year for the World Bank," Ernest Stern, senior vice-president for finance, said in a press conference at the Vista International Hotel on Thursday. Stern said that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, the bank received approval for a capital increase, which raised its total authorised capital to \$171.4 billion, with \$1 billion in net income. The capital increase also reflected an increasingly cost-effective and growing access to the international markets. "These results," he said, "provided a very strong basis for the planned expansion by 10 per cent per year of the bank's lending to developing countries to over \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s."

New loan commitments by the bank in fiscal year 1988 totalled \$14.8 billion, compared with \$14.2 billion last year. Disbursements to developing nations reached a record level of \$11.6 billion, up \$250 million from 1987. The World Bank cashed service payments on its loans of \$15.5 billion, repayments of principal were \$8.2 billion, and interest payments and commitment fees were \$6.8 billion. The difference accounted for a very large extent by repayments to the bank that no longer borrow from the bank, such as Japan, and got loans with 15-20 years repayment terms," a bank source explained.

Iraq has a strong oil industry

BAGHDAD, July 16. (OPECNA): As Iraq celebrates the 20th anniversary of the July 17 revolution on Sunday, it can look back with satisfaction on the fact that nearly 60 percent of its territory has been seismologically surveyed as part of an oil prospecting plan.

Iraq, a founding member of OPEC, maintains oil co-operation links with nearly 50 countries, providing technical and consultancy services to many Arab states in their oil exploration

last two decades, while new oil exporting outlets have been found with the help of new pipelines across Turkey and Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean and Red Sea ports.

The country's oil exports, hampered by the closure of its oil outlets on the Gulf because of the conflict and the Syrian decision in 1982 to close the Iraqi pipeline which ran across its territory, have found fresh outlets through two new pipelines.

The country has succeeded in building a strong national oil industry which is self-sufficient in all sectors, including refining and marketing.

More than 50 new oilfields have been discovered over the

last two decades, while new oil exporting outlets have been found with the help of new pipelines across Turkey and Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean and Red Sea ports.

Work is also underway on a second strategic pipeline linking Iraq's northern and southern oilfields. The line with a capacity of 900,000 BPD will be completed by 1991. The first line was commissioned in 1975.

The new project aims at providing Iraq with additional capacity to pump oil in both directions and also to feed its refineries and power generating stations.

Projects

The discovery of huge oilfields in the country with substantial reserves has prompted Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi to describe Iraq as "a country floating on an oil lake." Iraq has set aside \$11.50

billion for development this year, with 42 per cent going to industry and agriculture.

Under the plan, 1,298 projects will be implemented, including 135 in agriculture, 207 in industry, 209 in transport and communications, 467 in construction and public services and 203 in education.

Since 1968, the year of the revolution, numerous development projects costing billions of dollars have been built throughout the country, including irrigation dams, reservoirs, transport and industrial facilities, educational and agricultural centres and industrial and agricultural schemes. Many of them are the most ambitious of their kind in the Middle East.

US drought could affect economic growth

WASHINGTON, July 16. (Reuter): A devastating drought could slow US economic growth slightly this year as farm production falls, food prices rise and transportation costs soar, a report on Friday by President Reagan's drought task force said.

In its second interim report on the impact of the unrelenting drought, the interagency task force said economic growth in America could be slowed by 0.2 percentage points.

The estimate, however, did not represent an official revision of the government's forecast of three per cent growth in the 1988 GNP, said an official with the White House council of economic advisors.

"We're not changing our (GNP) estimate. It stands," the official said.

Drought

The drought has already cut the US grain crop by 24 per cent, and the soybean crop by 13 per cent compared to last year. "These losses are large and irreversible at this point," the report said.

Recent light rains have not provided significant relief to crops being baked by record high temperatures, and the drought has worsened in the eastern corn belt and the southeast just as crops enter a critical growth stage.

However, the report said, total grain supplies are sufficient to meet US and foreign demand, although prices will be higher.

Exports of US grains in 1988/89 are projected to fall by 10 per cent from the previous season to 87.0 million tonnes. The report said US officials have assured foreign customers that trade will not be cut off because of the drought.

Manila expands food production

AGRICULTURAL production in the Philippines will expand, farmers' incomes will increase and the country will progress toward food self-sufficiency because of a nationwide irrigation project. The World Bank is supporting the project with a \$45 million loan.

The \$60.2 million project will improve operations and maintenance of the country's national irrigation system (NIS) and is expected to directly benefit about 430,000 farm families, or 2.6 million people, according to World Bank News.

At the same time, with global prices far lower than they were two years ago, domestic consumption fell 2.3 per cent.

Edward Murphy, API director of finance, accounting and statistics, said the rise in oil imports might also have been caused by inventory build-ups because of a fear of higher prices.

US dependence on oil imports was the highest in 1977 at 47 per cent and the lowest in 1982 and 1983 at around 31 per cent.

World Bank is planning to boost Third World loans

NEW YORK, July 16, (UPI): The World Bank is planning to increase its loans to developing countries by an annual 10 per cent, to more than \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s, the UN agency said on Thursday. "Fiscal year 1988 was an excellent year for the World Bank," Ernest Stern, senior vice-president for finance, said in a press conference at the Vista International Hotel on Thursday. Stern said that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, the bank received approval for a capital increase, which raised its total authorised capital to \$171.4 billion, with \$1 billion in net income. The capital increase also reflected an increasingly cost-effective and growing access to the international markets. "These results," he said, "provided a very strong basis for the planned expansion by 10 per cent per year of the bank's lending to developing countries to over \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s."

New loan commitments by the bank in fiscal year 1988 totalled \$14.8 billion, compared with \$14.2 billion last year. Disbursements to developing nations reached a record level of \$11.6 billion, up \$250

Kuwait trade volume dips

Price indices show more stability

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on July 13, an average of 39.33 points with an increase of 0.39 point over last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.11 points with an increase of 0.20 point for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 54.22 million shares at a daily average of 10.84 million shares with a decrease of 36 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 16.93 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 20.10 million shares at a daily average of 4.02 million shares with a decrease of 17 per cent from last week's daily average of 4.83 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD15.323 million at a daily average of KD3.065, a decrease of 14 per cent from last week's daily average of KD3.571 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD1.249 million at a daily average of KD0.370 million a decrease of 15 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.435 million.

The performance of the market was weak in general, with obvious weakness in trading volumes and values while price indices showed more stability.

On a series of continuous decisions to allow banks to repurchase 10 percent of their shares, Al Ahli Bank was permitted to do so this week which created some anticipations that more banks and companies are going to follow suit. As a result the banking sector had the lead with higher total traded shares at 66 per cent compared with last week's average of 41 per cent, of which Burgan Bank had 22.7 per cent. The Commercial Bank had 21.2 per cent and Al Ahli Bank 20.8 per cent. The services sector, in spite of a sharp decline, came second at 17 percent of total trading volume—38.7 per cent for the previous week—which of Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. had the lead at 83 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 13 per cent and Public Warehousing Co. at 3.5 percent. The investment sector came third at 10 percent of total trading volume, with Investment Pearl of Kuwait in the lead at 37 per cent, followed by Kuwait International Investment Company at 30 per cent and National Investments Company at 21 percent. (This company was recently listed on the exchange and is not represented in the index). As for the Gulf Shares Market, The Financial Sector led at 99 percent of total traded volume of which Coast Investment and Development Company had the largest share at 83 per cent, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 11 percent, and Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 5 percent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

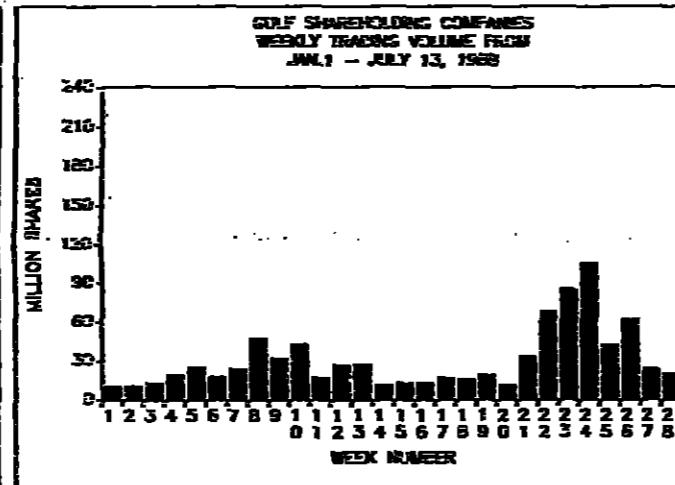
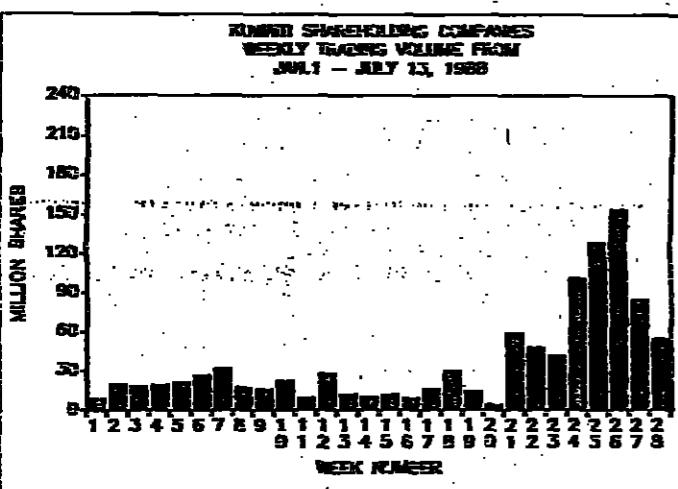
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
	13/07/88	06/07/88	points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	89.28	90.29	-0.01
The Gulf Bank	32.73	31.07	1.66
The Commercial Bank	24.82	23.95	0.87
Al Ahli Bank	35.56	32.20	3.36
Kuwait & M. East	33.33	33.77	-0.44
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	34.13	33.73	0.40
Burgan Bank	28.24	27.25	0.99
Kuwait Finance House	68.79	67.27	1.51
Sector Index	42.58	42.71	0.79
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	32.32	33.06	-0.73
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	29.21	29.21	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	85.71	84.13	1.59
Overall Index			
	48.11	47.96	0.28
Base Period 31/12/1983.			

IFIA	73.53	75.00	-1.47
Commercial Facilities	116.25	116.25	—
Sector Index	42.81	42.45	-0.45
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	36.97	36.97	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.15	26.92	-0.77
Al Ahli Insurance Co.	47.74	47.74	—
Warba Insurance Co.	74.74	76.46	-1.72
Sector Index	37.92	38.21	-0.29
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	28.55	28.55	—
United Realty	12.06	12.06	—
National Real Estate	41.01	41.41	-0.40
Sector Index	21.12	21.18	-0.06
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	16.36	16.36	—
Refrigeration Indus.	58.94	83.65	5.30
Gulf Cables	104.90	106.96	-2.06
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	84.44	88.00	-3.56
Sector Index	34.13	34.39	-0.86
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	198.72	194.40	-4.32
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	87.88	86.87	1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	39.95	40.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	376.19	371.43	4.76
Sector Index	68.49	68.82	-0.33
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	45.16	45.57	-0.41
United Fisheries	10.91	11.05	-0.14
Kuwait United Poultry	83.61	83.61	—
Kuwait Food Co.	70.11	67.82	2.30
Sector Index	41.84	41.64	0.19
Overall Index	39.53	39.14	0.39

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
	13/07/88	06/07/88	points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	92.41	93.79	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	81.63	81.63	—
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	97.14	93.33	3.81
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Co.	61.85	61.85	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	53.79	53.03	0.76
Sector Index	63.49	63.19	0.30
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	9.21	9.21	—
Ras Al Khaimah W. Cement	25.00	25.00	—
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	15.86	15.86	—
Overall Index	48.11	47.96	0.28
Base Period 31/12/1983.			

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Slow growth and uncertainty persist

Action needed to restructure economic policies

WASHINGTON, July 16: Despite increasing optimism about the short-term economic outlook in the industrialised economies, slow growth and uncertainty about medium-term prospects persist in both industrial and developing economies as the 1980s draw to a close. The continuation of fiscal and trade imbalances create serious downside risks for the world economy. Unless governments take further action to reduce these imbalances and restructure economic policies, opportunities for sustaining and increasing world economic growth—essential to improving the growth prospects of the developing economies—will be lost.

This prospect is presented in Part I of World Development Report 1988, published last week by the World Bank. Part II explores the role of public finance policies in development and concludes that reducing fiscal deficits to sustainable levels, reforming tax and expenditure policies and accelerating government decentralisation are essential to long-term growth in many developing countries.

Prospects

Under the High case, three main steps are needed to improve prospects for growth and reduce the risk of further instability in the financial market, and possibly, of a sharp slowdown in activity beyond the near term. The first is credible action to reduce the US federal budget deficit in the United States which is essential to bring about a lasting reduction in the current account deficit and lower real interest rates. Second, Japan should moderate, and Germany accelerate, the growth of domestic demand through appropriate macroeconomic and structural policies. Third, those newly industrialised economies (NIEs) of East Asia running sizable current account surpluses could do even more to accelerate the growth of domestic demand, appreciate their currencies against the US dollar and reduce the degree of protection of their domestic producers.

In addition, developing countries should continue to reform internal policies, and net transfers from developing to industrial countries should be reduced.

Without concerted policy action, the global economic outlook is more likely to conform to the Base case. Per capita,

already more severe than it was during the Great Depression in the industrial countries. The tide of poverty and misery in those countries is rising, not receding.

The Report presents alternative paths of future growth based on policy changes that need to be adopted by both developed and developing countries. If such changes are adopted, under the high case scenario, annual growth in real per capita GDP in the industrial countries for the period 1987-1993 could average 2.6 per cent. According to this scenario, developing countries could average a real per capita GDP annual growth of 3.6 per cent. In the absence of reform, the Base case scenario projections drop to 1.8 per cent for the industrial countries and to 2.2 per cent for the developing countries.

The report stresses the importance of fiscal balance in achieving economic stability and growth in developing countries, most of which have faced fiscal crises during the past decade. Whatever their economic circumstances—whether low-income, middle-income, oil

exporter, oil importer, planned or market economy—many countries saw public sector deficits rise to unsustainable levels in the years before 1982.

Since the early 1980s, the reduction in deficits has been impressive, though in many countries it is still insufficient. The challenge is to contain deficits without falling further into recession.

Large fiscal deficits are often at the root of both external and internal macroeconomic imbalances. External imbalances are expressed as current account deficits, capital flight, and rapidly expanding external debts.

Internal imbalances produce as a consequence high real interest rates, low rates of private investment, and high inflation. Prudent fiscal policy—that is, fiscal deficits consistent with low

and stable inflation, a sustainable level of foreign debt and a favourable climate for private investment—is indispensable to stabilisation and adjustment.

Also, reforms in many other areas—financial liberalisation, currency devaluation, price deregulation, trade reform, and so on—both require a stable fiscal environment and have implications that have to be taken into account in setting fiscal policy.

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India warns world against fall in food production

BANGKOK, July 16: India has cautioned the world against a serious setback on food front with cereal production falling below consumption for the first time in four years and urged the world to come together to tackle the problem of food for millions in the world, reports Economic Times.

Speaking at the Food and Agricultural Organisation's regional conference for Asia and the Pacific here, the Indian Agriculture Minister, Bhupan Lal, stated that many developed and low-income countries were facing food grain shortage following decline in agriculture production. He said although FAO had forecast better food grain availability this year, the gravity of the situation could not be overlooked because another drought would have grave repercussions.

Productivity had doubled, pushing up wheat production seven times and rice production three-fold, the minister added. Impressive increases had also been recorded in production of milk, eggs and other commodities.

Despite the worst drought last year, fall in food grain production had been restricted to only 4.2 percent which established

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SPORTS

AUSTRALIA SET TO FACE BRAZIL IN GOLD CUP FINAL

Argentina overcome Saudi Arabia

CANBERRA, Australia, July 16, (AP): World Cup holder Argentina scrambled to a 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia today in a bicentennial Gold Cup soccer tournament playoff for third place.

The Argentine team salvaged some self-respect after losing 4-1 to Australia on Thursday night, but gave another ill-disciplined display.

Diego Simeone gave the South Americans the lead with a well-placed header after only four minutes and Oscar Dertycia made it 2-0 in the 30th minute.

Sent

Saudi Arabia played with 10 men for the final 55 minutes after goalkeeper Salem Marwan was sent off for punching Argentine sweeper Mario Lucca.

Argentina, however, was unable to take advantage, playing negative, uninspired soccer in a match punctuated by a number of wild tackles.

The victory was Argentina's first in four matches in the tournament, which is being played to celebrate the 200th anniversary of European settlement of Australia.

Australia faces three-time World Cup winner Brazil in the final at the Sydney Football Stadium tomorrow.

Argentina earlier had drawn 2-2 with Saudi Arabia in round-robin play, drawn 0-0 with Brazil and then lost 4-1 to Australia — their worst defeat for 30 years.



Argentina's Nestor Lorenzo (left) tackles Saudi Arabia's Bander Surour. (Reuter wirephoto)

Coach Carlos Bilardo went into the tournament hampered by the enforced absence of stars like Diego Maradona and Jorge Burruchaga.

Argentina took the lead when Diaz floated a deep corner to the far post, where Simeone rose high to head the ball down past Marwan.

They made it 2-0 when Claudio Cabrera passed to Hernan Diaz, whose shot was

parried by Marwan to Dertycia, who rammed it back past the goalkeeper.

Referee Gary Power of Australia had to hand out eight cautions during the game.

Australia's victory over Argentina on Thursday was the best in their soccer history and the Aussies believe they can reverse a 1-0 loss against Brazil earlier in the four-nation championship.

Arok said central defender Robbie Dunn had recovered

from a shin injury he suffered against Argentina on Thursday night and was certain to start the match.

Brazil has team problems with Muller and Geovani nursing injuries and Ademir having to sit out the match because of a suspension. He is expected to be replaced by Andrade.

Arok said he had great respect for the Brazilians, who have won two and drawn one of their three matches to date.

"They are now much closer to being a well-drilled side, fluent, reasonably young and more imaginative than the other sides," Arok said.

Euphoria

Striker Graham Arnold said today that the Australians had calmed down after the euphoria of the victory over Argentina.

"We've played Brazil once and should have won, but we're not over-confident about the final. How can we be against that team," he said.

"But we're in an unbelievable situation, something we never expected and we have the confidence we can do better."

Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Silva took his team for a tight training session today and warned them they face a battle in the final.

"Australia is strong and physical and have shown now that they also have skills," he said.



Groundkeepers try to squeeze water into the cup on the 11th green. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rain hits British Open

LYTHAM, England, July 16, (AP): Heavy rain flooded at least three greens and forced postponement of the third round of the British Open today.

Officials said the entire third and fourth rounds would be played tomorrow, weather and course conditions permitting. Scores shot early today were thrown out.

The last time the Open finished with a 36-hole final day was in 1961, when the tournament ended on Saturday.

Scheduled

Since the Open went to a Sunday finish in 1980, never has had more than the scheduled 18 holes played the final day. And, in its first 116 editions, golf's oldest tournament never has finished on a Monday.

Half the field of 71 golfers was on the course when rains, which started just after drawn, picked up.

A downpour about 21-2 hours after the first starters, Payne Stewart and Gordon Brand Jr., teed off flooded greens at the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th holes, and play was suspended at 1120 GMT.

Officials waited an hour and

McCallister shares lead

COAL VALLEY, Ill., July 16, (Reuter): Blaine McCallister shrank off intense heat to fire a 62 for a 36-hole 130 to tie fellow-Americans Russ Cochran and Dan Forsman for the second-round lead at the \$600,000 Oakwood Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Following the three leaders at one-shot back is Sam Randolph, who shot a 67 on Friday for a 36-hole total of 131. In back of Randolph at 132 are Jeff Sluman, Ernie Gonzalez, Dan Phol, Mark Maness and Ron Streck.

Sinking

Thursday's first round leader Gene Sayers jumped 11 strokes from his opening round record 62, sinking to 31st place.

McCallister used 10 birdies and two bogies for an eight-under total for the day, which saw temperatures soar to more than 38 degrees Celsius.

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Sarron
takes pole position

RJEEKA, Yugoslavia. July 16. (Reuter): Christian Sarron of France clinched his fourth successive pole position today in a practice session marred by a crash involving world 500cc motorcycling championship leader Eddie Lawson.

Lawson, who had complained about the tyres on his Yamaha on both days of official practice for tomorrow's Yugoslav Grand Prix, injured his shoulder in the crash during the final session after setting the fifth best time.

But the American, who is on course for his third world title, said he would be fit to race tomorrow.

Sarron, also riding a Yamaha, set the best time ever in practice on the windy Grobnik track near Rijeka with one minute 30.176 seconds.

Reigning world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia, second to Lawson in this season's standings, was the second fastest with 1:30.511 with fellow-Honda rider Niall MacKenzie of Britain just behind in 1:30.602.

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Despite his ability in practice Sarron has yet to win a race this season and is lying eighth in the world championship standings with 74 points, 85 behind Lawson.

Gardner, who won the last two races in the Netherlands and Belgium, said he hoped to collect another victory.

Spaniards Alfonso Sito Pons and Juan Garriga set up another exciting duel in the 250cc class. Pons, who leads the world championship standings from Garriga by just one point, clocked the fastest practice time on his Honda 0.408 seconds faster than his Yamaha rival.

Another Spaniard, Derbi rider Jorge Martinez, who hopes to become double world champion, clinched pole positions for both the 80 and 125cc races.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cram defeated

GATESHEAD, England. July 16. (AP): Frank O'Mara, the Irishman who accidentally dented Sebastian Coe's Olympic hopes earlier this week, provided a nasty shock for another leading British middle-distance runner, Steve Cram, at the IAAF Kodak Classic track and field meet today, just four days after unwittingly causing Coe a leg injury by tripping him during a race in Dublin. The world indoor 3,000 metres champion narrowly beat Cram over two miles with a time of 8 minutes 17.78 seconds.

New mark

MOSCOW. July 16. (Reuter): Sergei Martynov of the Soviet Union set a world record in air rifle shooting today at the International Shooting Championships in Moscow. Tass news agency said. He scored 597 points out of 600 for the 60 shots at 10 metres, improving by one point the previous world record set by Frenchman Jean-Pierre Amat in Zurich in June 1987, the agency said.

World Cup

KAMPALA, July 16. (Reuter): Uganda beat Malawi 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in the World Cup soccer African group first round, first leg match here today.

Swim record

MOSCOW. July 16. (Reuter): Soviet swimmer Igor Polyanski broke his own 100 metres backstroke world record today with a time of 55.00 seconds, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

USA triumph

DURHAM, N.C., July 16. (AP): Tino Martinez hit a first-inning, three-run homerun, and Ty Griffen collected three doubles and drove in two runs to lead team USA to a 10-4 victory over Taiwan in an Olympic exhibition game last night.

Boxing team

LAS VEGAS. Nev., July 16. (AP): Sugar Ray Leonard, one of the golden boys of the 1976 Games in Montreal, severed his connection with the 1988 US Olympic boxing team yesterday as the discord surrounding the team continued.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club "Marathon Bridge" held on Friday at the Sheraton Hotel.
1. Carsten & Simon
2. Sherin & Mesdari
3. Dr Bayomi & Izzeldin

MCNEIL STAVES OFF DEFEAT

Shriver outplays White



Shriver screams in joy after her victory.

Reggi sails past Kanellopoulos

Sanchez trounces Cuetos

from the impatient Cuetos.

"I was playing with a lot of confidence," Sanchez said. "I know how she plays and she knows my way of playing."

Reggi, in her first tournament since a one-month layoff because of injury, ended Kanellopoulos's seed-slashing run with accurate passing shots from the baseline.

Kanellopoulos had defeated second seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria and sixth-seeded Nieve Dias of Brazil in earlier rounds.

Yesterday, the fifth-seeded Cuetos, winner of the Bastad tournament in Sweden last week, broke Garrison's service in the fourth game but the experienced American broke back to level at 7-5 6-1.

The hard-hitting Cuetos then piled on the pressure and another service break gave her the first set 6-4.

Cuetos kept the momentum going and cruised to a 5-1 lead in the second set. But she relaxed too early and Garrison, who until then had been on the defensive, turned the tide with deceptive cross-court shots and accurate drop volleys.

Garrison clawed her way back to 5-5, lost the next game on Cuetos's serve, then handed her opponent the match by hitting several weak forehands into the net.

"She played good, but I made all the mistakes," Garrison said. "I just didn't concentrate enough."

"I knew I had a chance but I did not expect to win in two sets," Cuetos said.

Yesterday Sanchez defeated Argentine Mercedes Paz 6-2 6-2 while Kanellopoulos disposed of sixth-seeded Nieve Dias of Brazil 7-5 6-1.

Stepped

Cuetos, the fifth seed, was a shadow of the player who upset top seed Zina Garrison of the United States in the quarterfinals.

It was only after saving two matchpoints at 5-1 in the second set that she stepped up the pace and traded baseline play for some daring volleys.

But then Sanchez, who put Chris Evert out of the French Open in the third round in May, slowed down the game and induced some appalling errors

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES	first innings
G. Greenidge	retired ill
D. Haynes	6 Agnew
C. Hooper	not out
G. Logie	b Lewis
K. Arthurton	c Whittlesea b Taylor
V. Richards	b DeFreitas
J. Dujon	not out
Extras	(lb-8 w-1 ab-14)
Total (four wickets)	150
Fall of wickets:	1-30 2-81 3-87 4-90

To bat: R. Harper, C. Ambrose, W. Benjamin, P. Patterson

Bowling to date: DeFreitas 16-3-47-1, Agnew 13-1-44-1, Lewis 9-3-18-1, Taylor 11-4-33-1.

Greenidge taken ill again

LEICESTER, England. July 16. (Reuter): West Indies were 150 for four in their first innings when rain forced an early close to the first day of the three-day cricket match against Leicestershire today.

Early this morning West Indies opener Gordon Greenidge was forced to retire ill after making 16.

Greenidge believed that he was fit again after the mystery virus that struck him during the third Test against England in Manchester 12 days ago. He needed hospital treatment.

He looked in increasing distress before he went off in the current match but unless he worsens the tourists are bound to play him in next week's fourth Test at Leeds.

Becker edges past Connors

MUNICH, West Germany. July 16. (Reuter): Boris Becker, making his first appearance since losing to Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the Wimbledon men's final earlier this month, beat Jimmy Connors 7-5 6-4 in an exhibition match today.

Becker, using the match as a warm-up for West Germany's Davis Cup world group

semi-final against Yugoslavia in Dortmund next weekend, said: "I took the match very seriously. It was the ideal test for the Davis Cup."

He said he was confident that West Germany would reach the final.

Becker will meet Connors in another exhibition match in Bremen tomorrow.

Athey's unbeaten 168 fails to stop Northants

LONDON, July 16. (Reuter): Test rejects Bill Athey and Winston Davis stole the limelight on the final day of the three-day English county cricket matches to 133 all out.

Earlier, the evergreen Derek Randall was the only batsman to come to terms with the lively pitch when he hit 50 in Nottinghamshire's total of 173.

Both teams forfeited an innings in an effort to get a result in the rain-interrupted final, leaving Gloucestershire chasing 350 to win.

Final

Athey, who hit three sixes and 17 fours off 272 balls, drove left-arm spinner Nick Cook to long off the fifth ball of the final over.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire match drawn. Worcestershire 130 in 62 overs and 14 for no wicket. Warwickshire 250 for nine declared (D. Banks 47, A. Lloyd 46, A. Moles 42, M. Weston four for 24). Warwickshire 7 points. Worcestershire 4.

Paceman Davis, who was not selected for West Indies' England tour, was easily the pick of the bowlers with six for 92.

Champions Nottinghamshire continued their recent revival when they demolished Middlesex by 40 runs in another one innings match.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire match drawn. Lancashire 204 for eight declared (42, I. Folley four for 41). Lancashire 5 points. Leicestershire 4.

At Guildford: Hampshire beat Surrey by eight wickets. Surrey 301 for two declared in 75 overs

and 122 for three declared (M. Lynch 44 not out). Hampshire 173 for six declared in 56 overs and 133 for nine. J. Simmons four for 42, I. Folley four for 41). Lancashire 97, C. Smith 44). Hampshire 16 points. Surrey 5.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 173 for six declared (M. Lynch 44 not out). Hampshire 125 for four declared in 46 overs (M. Nicholas 57 not out) and 299 for two (V. Terry 126 not out, M. Nicholas 97, C. Smith 44). Hampshire 20 points. Gloucestershire 17.

At County Ground: Middlesex 173 for 10 declared (D. Gower 61 not out). Gloucestershire 162 for 10 declared (J. Simmons 50 not out). Middlesex 16 points. Gloucestershire 4.

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